



(315) James Philander Renfrew

Several Ancestral Lines  
of  
James P. Renfrew and His Wife, Ella Black  
Married at Mirabile, Mo., Aug. 31, 1871  
with  
A Full Genealogical History of their  
Descendants to 1925



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## Preface

This little work was prepared, chiefly for the purpose of collecting and preserving, in convenient form, a great deal of history of interest to the families of my wife and my own, that would otherwise become scattered and lost. I grew up and lived in a home atmosphere, living with and near my parents until I was 50 years of age. Through them and Mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, I became familiar with the history of the family on both sides of the house. Through the courtesy of my cousin, Jennie Renfrew Baker, of Athol, Mo., I received a large package of Renfrew letters, and a copy of the Renfrew coat-of-arms.

From cousin Jacob Renfrew Nissley of Mansfield, O., a number of Renfrew and McGowan letters. Cousin D. D. Boyd and I visited the Renfrew and McGowan graves in the old Oak Ridge Cemetery at Coshocton, O., and the Johnson graves in the cemetery at Jacobsport, O. My nephew, Rev. Samuel G. Welles, of Trenton, N. J., furnished much valuable information in regard to the work of Rev. Alexander McGowan in the vicinity of Trenton, N. J., in the 20 years prior to 1815. My niece, Miss Eva M. DeGeer of National City, Calif., corresponded with the heraldy offices of London, Edinburgh and Dublin, concerning the Renfrew Coat-of-Arms.

On a visit to McKenzie Bridge, Ore., I secured much valuable information about the Renfrew family from Mrs. Melville Frissell.

Through Aunt Hattie Black, late of Davenport, Iowa, I secured the genealogy of the Black and Mitchell families, compiled by Cousin Lillian Morehart of Los Angeles, Calif., in her search for a Revolutionary ancestor. Cousin Joseph Stafford, late of Eaton, Ind., furnished me with a pamphlet, reporting the Centennial of the old McKendree Church of Miami County, O. Cousin Olive Gerall Myer of Miltonvale, Kan. gave me information of much importance concerning the Hyde family, and Cousin J. R. Cummings of Chicago, Ill., furnished valuable data about the Franklins. In the preparation of this work I have followed, to some extent, the plan of Henriette Hyde Wells in her little book, "Several Ancestral Lines of Moses Hyde and His Wife Sarah Dana," Mrs. Terrel, stenographer for the Renfrew Investment Company, Woodward, Okla., made most excellent type-written copies of this work from the original manuscript.

Although faulty in construction, I think that a little study of the plan will enable the reader to find any name for which

he may search. The information there given has been carefully collected and is reliable. The period covered embraces from 125 to 225 years. The Renfrews, McGowans, Johnstons, Stevensons and Blacks were all Scotch-Irish from the North of Ireland, emigrating to the United States from 1738 to about 1810 and they have located and lived, chiefly between the Alleghenies and the Rockies.

To those who have been mentioned and all others who have so freely and cheerfully contributed material for this work, I return my hearty thanks.

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## The Name of Renfrew

The history of the name Renfrew is involved in obscurity, but it first appears in its present form as the name of the County Town of Renfrewshire, Scotland, Robert III gave a charter to the burgh, in 1396, but it was a burgh, (Renifry) at least 250 years earlier. In 1404, Robert II conferred the title of Baron of Renfrew, upon his son James, afterward James I of Scotland and the title is still borne by the Prince of Wales. With a view of learning something of the origin and history of the Renfrew family and Coat-of-Arms my niece, Miss Eva M. DeGeer, sent a copy of the Coat-of-Arms, formerly in the possession of my great grandfather, James Renfrew, to the College of Arms, London, England, with the fee required for looking the matter up. She received the following answer to her inquiry:

"College of Arms,  
Queen Victoria Street,  
London, Eng.

4, Dec. 1924.

Dear Madam:

Thanks for your letter of 16th of October enclosing the sum of 2 Pounds. The result of the search which has been made in the records of the College shows that the Arms and Crest of which you send a copy have never been granted and are therefore of no authority. Our researches show that the family of Renfrew was of some importance in Scotland before emigrating to the North of Ireland and we have a note of an Alexander Renfrew who was living at Neilstown near Glasgow about 1650." The writer, who subscribes himself, "H. F. Burke, Garter," then explains the obstacles to be encountered in searching parish registers, various classes of public records, etc. with the object of establishing connection with the earlier Renfrews in Scotland, and (1) James Renfrew born in County Down, Ireland, in 1767. I have therefore decided to let the Scotch ancestry of the Renfrew family rest in peace. I am satisfied, however, that the Scotch Renfrews come to Ireland about the middle of the Seventeenth century.

My niece, Miss Eva M. DeGeer, of National City, California, writes as follows in regard to the Coat-of-Arms:

"Articles of heraldry say that the powerful Barons used to grant arms to their followers and many of them were not put on record. The records were very badly kept for many years, the Renfrew arms may not be on record but that does not prove that they were never granted. It does prove as Lord Garter says, that our family has no legal right to bear them."

## Partial History of the Renfrew Family

### 1. JAMES. b. 1767, d. 1832

James Renfrew was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1767, and emigrated to America sometime about 1810. Nothing is known of his parents or first wife or of his life in Ireland, but when he came to America he brought with him two sons. He had two brothers, William and Jacob. James and his sons sailed from Belfast and probably landed at Baltimore or Philadelphia, and finally located in Coshocton, Ohio. About this time he married Mrs. Margaret Kerr Johnson, a widow, of Pittsburg, Pa. He was a man of some means and at once entered actively into business in Coshocton, having a general store, a tavern, a distillery and a tannery. One of the first canal boats on the Ohio Canal was the "Renfrew," built and owned by himself. Letters written by him from Pittsburg in 1815 to his son James, then in charge of the store at Coshocton, show that he made occasional trips to Philadelphia for merchandise, but probably most of the goods were bought in Pittsburg. This stock was shipped down the Ohio and up the Muskingum by way of Zanesville to Coshocton. These letters are full of business-like advice and instruction in regard to the conduct of the business. In a letter dated at Morgan's June 26, 1815, he charges James to "stay about the store and take the money every week and take care of all the eastern paper and beware of trusting." In a letter to James dated Pittsburg, July 20, 1815, he refers to his intended trip to Philadelphia for more goods. He warns James against selling goods on credit "except to good, safe people. Let nothing divert you from this course." "Take great care of counterfeit note, set them all down, whom you get them from. Sell no liquors on any pretext, less than a quart."\*\*\* "I expect you are boarding at Mrs. McGowan's. I will not consent to your remaining at the tavern. Endeavor to make yourself acquainted with Mr. Bush and Mrs. McGowan's family—beyond these you have no need to go." Then follows detailed instructions as to how the business should be run. He closes by saying "I expect to write you again shortly. My compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Bush, (98) Mrs. McGowan and family.

Dear James, your affectionate Father,  
James Renfrew."

A letter to (6) James, dated Pittsburg last of August,



1815, which is evidently written by his stepmother, states that his father has gone to Philadelphia and would get back in about six weeks. About half of the letter is missing. The letter instructs James how to buy Ginseng and Snakeroot and also Bear and Deerskins. "A large Bearskin," says the writer, "with good hair and pelt, will sell here for \$3.50, and small ones for \$1.50." The letter continues, "Perhaps you could get a barrel or two of whisky from Mr. Fulton for grain, to keep you going until we could send you some." This was written 105 years before the 18th Constitutional Amendment went into effect and shows that in those days, even devout Christians saw no harm in taking a little drink for the stomach's sake, or in selling it.

The Renfrew store was located in Coshocton between Main and Chesnut on 2nd Street, East Side, at DeHarts.

His last letter, written by (1) James to his son (6) James, is dated at Coshocton, April 18, 1832, and (2) James has endorsed on the back of it, "My Father's last Letter." The letter follows entire:

"Dear James and Nancy:

There has been some months silence between us and now I would break in upon it and write in much weakness of body strength, and I may add improbable the last that you will receive from me. I am somewhat despondent and grieved respecting William thought that you should have taken up with my offer as trusted to my consistency of conduct to continue to support the support I promised and I thought also that you were in the good providence of God, put into a situation that you could and should have contributed something of your own to his support to show your good will and wish to have him come through in this important undertaking. These were my proposals to you, but you seem to decline accepting of them yet. It might not yet be too late though I might not live to see much advance in the business, I know that my injunctions will be attended to by those who will survive me here. This I feel confident if some frowning providence should not prevent his execution.

I would have you and Nancy reflect on them and pray over them, for it is a consolation to me to believe that you do both pray for yourselves and for the Church of God and for a lost, dying world. I did intend to visit you by this time had I been able, but I am not, nor is it likely that I will, and I would wish, if

you could spare the time, that you come to see me, or write and send William or James, and I wish that you would attend to it on receipt of this or it may be too late.

A great difficulty of breathing and a disease of the heart is my complaint. It is sometimes very sudden death I cannot determine anything certainly as to time, but my flesh and strength decline pretty fast. I beg an interest in your prayers that all my great, numerous and aggravated iniquities, transgressions and sins may be blotted out through the blood of the everlasting covenant, and an abundant entrance administered unto me into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and I shall, I trust, be enabled in return to pray that you and all yours may be prepared in due time to be gathered to the rest which remains for the people of God.

You may acquaint Mr. Johnston and Mr. Roland, if you will, with the contents of this letter, and request for me an interest in their prayers.

And now I have to exhort you to labor to discharge the duties of a parent and a husband to pray with separately and talk with your children separately as their age and circumstances may require, as well as collectively, evening and morning in the family. This duty of dealing with them separately and praying with them in the same manner, I recommend to you most earnestly, and \*\*\* and it is your duty to talk with them on the important subject of their soul's concern when you go out and when you come in, when you are lying down and when you are rising up, in the house and in the field, and it may be that God will return and leave a blessing behind Him and take to Himself a deed and a name in your children and in your children's children forever, which God of loving and abundant mercy may do through Christ Jesus, is the earnest prayer of your affectionate parent,

James Renfrew."

N. B. The family and all friends are well at present.

### ILLNESS AND DEATH OF (1) JAMES

Letter written by his wife, Margaret Kerr Johnson Renfrew to her stepson, James Renfrew, Mansfield, Ohio.

"Coshocton, August 15, 1832.

My Dear Sir:

It is now my painful duty to inform you that my dear husband and your affectionate father, is now no more. He died at three o'clock on Tuesday morning, August 14, and went off very unexpected that day. He had a turn

of hard breathing as he often had. He appeared very weak but quite sensible. He was all the time engaged in prayer that day. Took little but wine mixed with water, and at eleven o'clock I went to rest a little, Alexander Renfrow (Cousin of (6) James), Elisa McMillen and Joseph Johnston watching with him. I charged them to let me know if he got weaker. They could not perceive the least change. His spirit was dismissed from time to eternity as quick as you could blow out a candle. His last words were uttered with a clear voice, "Grace, Grace, Glory Reigns," and as the last word was on his lips his breast gave a slight quiver and all was over.

I think since the last of November I did not leave him one hour—only two sermons I heard preached. I watched with him by night and by day. He was not willing I should leave him. My health is delicate and I had a bad cold. The windows and door open, with a thick fog, made it more unhealthy for those that sat up.

We should have been pleased to have seen you here. After consulting with (114) Judge Johnson and Dr. Lee, they said that you could not have got here though you should ride by night and day, and it might injure your health so you might be snatched by death from your little family. There are some deaths here by 'comon colours'. It is prevailing in some cases along the canal. Of the cholera we are quite alarmed—so many emigrants coming in.

Yesterday we had a very respectable funeral well conducted. (104) Mr. McGowan, Mr. O'Hara and Dr. Lee have attended him the last few months and although he took no medicine, yet he wished to have him visit him three times or more daily. We sent to Dresden for a minister that is stationed there. He preached from the words "To die is gain,"—Philippians, first chapter, 21st verse. He made a very excellent discourse from those words, to a large and attentive congregation. They say it was the largest they ever saw in the place. The elders of Dresden and Keene attended, and many engaged in repeating over what he had done for them. "Oh!" says one, "I would not have had my land today, only for him." Another said "The Sheriff had all I had, under execution; he sent me what relieved me out of my distress," and so, as they say that there was many engaged in this conversation "And" says some, "the church of God has sustained a great loss in this place and other places." I think that he gave about one hundred and from twenty to thirty dollars per year. This he desired should be kept up with other demands.

To support foreign and home missions this year he sent ten dollars to the Harmon Tract Society and others too numerous to mention. He was truly exemplary in all religious contributions. The village laments and says they have lost their father. He used to urge them to industry and religion. Oh! but our house looks waste and quiet. For ten months past Sarah and I were constantly engaged in attending him. Now we are sitting in solemn silence—and I should cheerfully engage in the same employment again if I had him only to be with us. I think, after a little time, I shall make you a present of Scott's Family Works. You know it cost thirty-two dollars. He thought highly of it.

The Will will be handed into court, sealed; when, I do not know. Judge Johnson will not say. Your brother William is gone with cattle. When you will have time to write, we will be glad to hear from you. Our best wishes to Mrs. Renfrew and all the family.

The coat of arms of the name of Renfrew, I think your brother William asked for it of your father. If he does not take it, it will be given you. William has not spoken to his father since the time you was down or the next week.

(Letter unsigned)

Copious extracts have been made from these letters and some of the letters entire, have been given in order to give the reader a fair idea of the character of the ancestor of this branch of the Renfrew family, his abiding faith in God, his business methods, and his standing in the community in which he was a prominent figure for nearly twenty years.

William E. Hunt, in an article in the Magazine of Western History, on Coshocton, in a sub-head, "Mother Renfrew," gives this pen picture of (1) James.

"She," Mother Renfrew, came to the Forks (of the Muskingum, where Coshocton is located), "with the children of her first marriage, as the wife of the leading 'store-keeper' of the region. He was also from the 'Green Isle,' and had full proportion of the keen wit and strong sense characterizing his people generally. He was in full sympathy with her in her religious views, which were always tinged with the bright and loving blue of true Presbyterianism, and supported by his means all her endeavors in the hospitable and charitable line."

His monument, a marble shaft, may be seen, (1922) in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Coshocton, Ohio.

## WILLIAM.

The only record of this brother of (1) James is a letter found among the papers of (6) James, which is published entire. It is addressed as follows:

Mr. James Renfrew,  
Merchant, Coshocton,  
On the Muskingum River,  
Ohio State.

AMERICA

(The letter).

Mullycarton, 11th April, 1832.

My Dear Brother:

I have received Mr. Johnston's kind favor, dated 18th October last, enclosing your order for the amt. of the usual remittance. I have to thank Mr. Johnston for his kind attention in fulfilling your directions and also to thank you for the continued evidence of your affectionate regard for me. Never did I receive a more welcome document from you than the present, not so much on account of the necessary sum it contained as the assurance which it brought me that you are yet in the land of the living, a matter which I was beginning to be doubtful of on account of being so long without hearing from you.

My health during the winter has been very poor. I am at present rather better with the exception of the old pain in my leg which is at present very ill. My family are all in good health. My son John has been very anxious to go out to you this spring, but as a change of circumstances is now inevitable with me and as I find I can do nothing else so good, I considered it better not to divide the family as it is probable we will all go together in a little time. I have often told you that my sojourning in this place was near a conclusion, but never with so much certainty as now.

The young man who is now master of this place is at length about to marry. He is now only waiting to get us removed from the house before he brings home his wife. Other arrangements are made and as what he requires is reasonable, I must try to go out about the first fall if I can possibly but at farthest early in the next spring. All favorable prospects for an industrious man are quite done in this country. All the advantages resulting from agriculture are exhausted. Trade and property and capital are rapidly decreasing and land is becoming of no value, and the taxes, rents, &c. &c., are no lighter.

Great as the curse was which the Almighty pronounced-

ed upon Adam for eating the forbidden fruit in the Garden, that man, by the sweat of his brow should eat his bread, it had this pleasing consideration connected with it, that when man did sweat for it, it was then to be his own purchased property, and he was therefore to be at liberty to enjoy the eating of it himself with his family.

But the Aristocracy of our country have added this additional and more calamitous curse to the original one, for they have decreed that the working man shall toil and sweat and waste his strenght in order to procure daily bread, and after all he should not eat it, but they, the Aristocrats, shall eat it for him, without sweating for it. Hence the bloated idle, luxury, pride and tyranny which they manifest and hence the increase of wretchedness, beggary, plunder and crime which at present pollute the atmosphere and darken the horizon—in a political sense—of our unhappy country. Faction, religious bigotry, and party violence, fear, murder and assassination are already desolating our Island. Whilst our legislatures are acting the part of state jugglers, cajoling each party with false appearances, they are being employed at securing themselves in their own usurped power and influence, and laughing at the calamity of the people. Oh! America, continue to enjoy thy privileges.

I feel much disappointed at not receiving your last letter, as I expect it contained some particulars respecting your health and the health and prosperity of your family. I shall anxiously wait to receive your next letter which I hope will contain the above particulars and also respecting all our friends that you know anything of, with Elisa and John McMillen. I also trust that you will give me any information in your power and that you may think needful for me on the voyage if possible, and this before November next.

Since I wrote you last, Aunt Betty Nelson died, aged about 90 years, and also old Uncle William Renfrew. That generation is now extinct. This must remind us that we are strangers and pilgrims here. "Our Fathers, where are they?" This is a question that by and by will be asked concerning us also, and these solemn thoughts are calculated to direct our attention toward that future state of existence that awaits us.

I trust I feel the importance of these things more than formerly, though I am sorry to say that religion is by no means prospering at present in this country or neighborhood.

I go up to Magheragall meeting house, and my children all go regularly with me, and they are all very much respected by the respectable part of the congregation, both an account of their conduct and their appearance. These in the midst of all my trials afford me much consolation and though I have been very unfaithful and unprofitable, I still feel a hope that the virtue of a Saviour's atonement will extend even to my case, and that I at length will be permitted to meet my offspring—and you, my dear, affectionate brother, and all my friends in that place purchased for us by the atonement of our Saviour “where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are forever at rest.”

My sincere love and respect to your dear partner and all her family—to James, William and their families, and believe me, my dear brother, affectionately. gratefully and truly yours, &c.

William Renfrew.

This letter is all the information concerning this William Renfrew and his family that the author has been able to obtain. As the letter was written during the last illness of (1) James, the probability is that the family never came to America or if it did that it never got in touch with the Renfrews already here. This letter was evidently written from County Down, Ireland, the native county of (1) James, (6) James and (7) William. In one respect this letter reaches farther back in the history of the family than any other record, i. e. in regard to the death of Aunt Betty Nelson, aged 90 years, and that of Uncle William Renfrew, of whom the writer says, “that generation is now extinct.” The letter is evidently written by a man of ability, of culture and attainments above the average, and of strong moral and religious convictions. His love for his children and pride in their good qualities and appearance, is very marked. His description of the situation in Ireland 90 years ago reads like the reports from that unhappy island today. (1922)

- 3 JACOB. Brother of (1) James and (2) William. I have no record of his b. or d. but he was no doubt b. in County Down, Ireland, and came to America previous to 1802 and settled at or near Lewisburg, Pa., Union County.
- 4 FIRST WIFE of (1) James and mother of his sons, James and William. I have no record or tradition in regard to her name, b., m. or d., but she no doubt died prior to the emigration of her husband and sons to America.

5. **MARGARET KERR JOHNSON**, second wife of (1) James, b. 1769 in Ireland, m. James in Pittsburg, Pa., when a widow with several children, and died September 2, 1841. Although Margaret was not an ancestor of the Renfrew family her position as wife of (1) James makes anything in regard to her history of interest to the family. I again borrow liberally from William E. Hunt's article on Coshocton in the Magazine of Western History, sub-head "Mother Renfrew," found in Howe's Historical Collections of Ohio.

The author makes a comparison between the Renfrew Tavern and the "Old Tavern," conducted by Col. Charley Williams, noted for its drinking, gambling and dancing, and famous for the popular tradition that "King Charley" once kicked the French King Louis Phillipe, then a refugee in America, from its sacred precincts. The article follows:

"In what may be termed the second stage of settlement of the region about the Forks, there came to be very widely known a home of marked contrast with the "Old Tavern," and no picture of the locality is complete without it. Less widely known, it yet is more deeply embalmed in the memories of the very many who did know it—residents, movers, traveling preachers, homesick emigrants, fever-stricken settlers, unlettered children and all that longed for heavenly light and rest. For year after year it was the 'headquarters' of the godly, the ministers' hold. The chief figure in that house was a woman. She came from the grand old Scotch-Irish stock, which, whatever glory is due unto another race for what was done in the outset of our career, or may yet be attained by possibly still another, it must now be admitted, has furnished so immensely the brain and brawn whereby this great land has become what it is.

Although for a number of years before coming to the Forks she lived in Western Pennsylvania, she was herself an emigrant from Ireland, and thus knew the heart of a stranger. She had been reared in a family connected with the ministry, famed for its earnest piety and the large contribution of its sons to the ministry. She had experienced the griefs of widowhood, and had learned the care of a family. She came to the Forks with the children of her first marriage, as the wife of the leading 'storekeeper' of the region. \*\*\* And so she wrought, leaving imperishable marks, and making her name, 'Mother' Renfrew, to be still cherished in many a household at the Forks and far away."



Her sons were later prominent and influential men in the early history of Coshocton. She d. in Coshocton and is buried beside her husband in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

**Children of (1) James—First Wife Unknown**

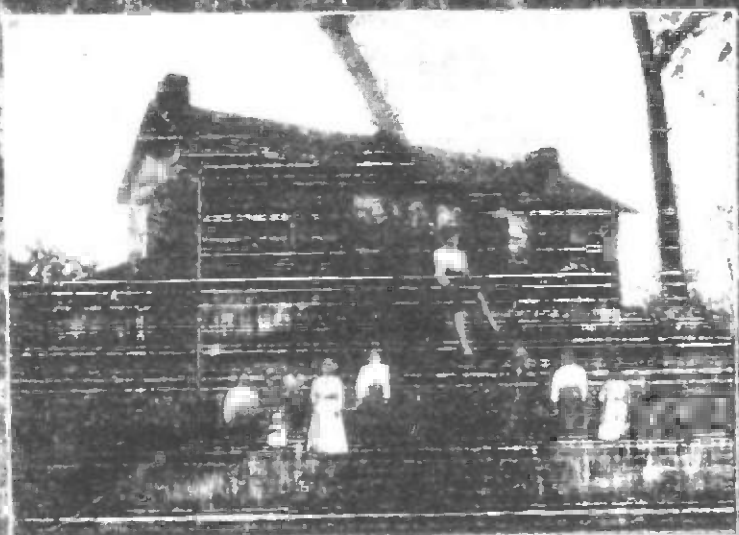
- 6 **JAMES**, b. March 11, 1790, County Down, Ireland, came to America when about twenty years of age with his father and brother William and probably landed at Baltimore as he worked for some months at his trade as a hatter, on the east shore of Maryland.

We next find him, through letters written by his father, clerking in his father's store in Coshocton, Ohio, in 1815. While boarding in her mother's family, he made the acquaintance of Miss Anne (or Nancy) McGowan, daughter of Rev. Alexander and Mrs. Margaret McGowan, whom he m. in Coshocton, January 18, 1816, by Rev. James Cuthbertson of Zanesville, Ohio. They soon after located on an unimproved farm in the woods four miles northeast of Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, where he made a home in the wilderness, where all of their children were born and where he spent the remainder of his life. The ten children were born in a log house, but in 1837 he built a large brick house near by, which is still standing, 1922, in an excellent state of preservation.

(6) James was a man of stern integrity, honest and industrious. He was very religious and regularly held family prayer in his household. He is described as a man of a hasty temper, but these eruptions did not last long and he was looked up to by his neighbors as a man of superior judgment whose counsel was often sought.

The following incident, illustrating his impatient temper, was told by his youngest son, Philander C.

One day during the year 1850, (6) James with his son, Philander, took a barrel of cider, which he wished to sell, to Mansfield. In the city they met John Sherman then a young lawyer, afterwards U. S. Senator, who purchased the cider and told Mr. Renfrew to take it to his house and he would soon return and help to put in in the cellar. Mr. Renfrew waited for Mr. Sherman's return for some time and then impatiently rolled the barrel into the yard and drove away. On his way down town he met Mr. Sherman walking rapidly toward his home. "Well Mr. Renfrew," said Sherman, "did you put the barrel in the cellar?" "No, you abominable slink, I didn't," said the old gentleman, "I just rolled it out into the yard and left it there."



Upper: Brick house, near Mansfield, Ohio, built by (6) James Renfrew in 1837. Jacob Nixley's family and some friends in foreground.

Lower: Recent picture of house in Mirabile Tp., Caldwell County, Missouri, in which all of the children of (31) James P. and Ella Renfrew were born.

His first wife, the mother of his children, d. Feb. 25, 1844. On Feb. 11, 1845, he married Mrs. ——— Armstrong, a widow. This was not a happy marriage and the children with few exceptions, soon left home. Two letters, written to his son, (13) John, are here given entire. John then lived near Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"Spring Valley, (Home Name) O., Sept. 3, 1851.

My Dear John:

I received your letter of June 8th. I am glad to hear you are exerting yourself to make an honest and comfortable living in the world. We must all expect to meet with some hard places to get through. It is no small undertaking for a young man beginning the world with small means to raise a family in credit and honesty, as I hope you will endeavor to do and with the blessing of God, which I trust you will seek and obtain. I have no doubt but you will succeed.

You say something about selling your place. You did not ask my advice. Nevertheless I would say it would be well to reflect seriously before taking such a step. You no doubt remember what B. Franklin said, "two removes are worse than one fire." It subjects a man to considerable loss of time and property.

You cannot come to Ohio and get 80 acres of land any place around here under from \$800. to \$2000, with any improvement. You have got enough land to make you a comfortable living, with reasonable industry, and the society and means of education will still be getting better as the country becomes settled up. (Please excuse this freedom. Old men will be meddling.)

We are getting along very much in the old way. My health has not been so good as usual, since the beginning of harvest. My strength is very much prostrated. I have not been able to do much work for several weeks, and am not much better yet, though not confined to my bed, but just moping around. (16) Rufus is at home, working on the place. His health is generally pretty good, but he does not look stout. He is nearly as tall as (10) William. (18) Philander is a stout boy of his age, is nearly 12 years old, has a good head and a pretty strong mind. (19) Eleanor is very near 18 years of age and is a pretty sensible young lady. I believe there is a pretty strong attachment grown up between her and Daniel Nissley, the young man who has been living with us these two years now about up. What may be the result I cannot yet say, as neither of them have said anything to me on the subject. I would say this much for Daniel, he has

been a very sober and industrious young man since he has been with us. He is a very good farmer and not the most ignorant man I have seen by a good deal. I am sorry to hear that the grain crops have been so poor with you this season, but I hope you will still have enough to put you through the winter. We have had a very great crop of wheat in Ohio, generally. Our neighbor, D. Young, had over 40 bushels of wheat to the acre on several acres.

We have not had any very late account from (10) William. Rufus was down to see Eliza about a week ago. She had not got any letter lately, but we heard by other's letters that he had left Sacramento City and gone to the mines last spring. We have lately heard that Rezin Nole, William McElroy and William were all coming home this fall, and that he was making out pretty well. Several of the young men who left here have come back and some will never come. There were 12 young men drowned at one time in the Uba River, a number of them from this part of the country. Those you know, Harvey Von Tillbury, Stephen Lewis, (Swamp Lewis' son), John Stull and Samuel Miller. Lewis and Miller were grandsons of old Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Lewis died in the latter part of August.

There are several of our neighbors moving to your state this fall, S. Forman, a son of John Stewart, Milton John and a Mr. Bohart. I would like very much to go myself to see you but it is very doubtful.

I have a little book for my little grandson, (31) James Philander, which I would like very much to give him myself. You must excuse my long delay in writing to you. My paper is full and I will close.

Your affectionate Father,  
James Renfrew."

The old gentleman, accompanied by Daniel Nissley, made his intended visit to Iowa and gave his little grandson the book, a Bible. The date written on a fly leaf of the book by John was Oct. 15, 1851.

Another letter to John:

Dear John:

"January 2, 1853.

I wrote you about a week ago and said a good deal about your coming home again, and I was afraid you might think I was urging you too strongly. I do not wish you to make any sacrifices on my account. I wish for you to judge for yourself in such matters. If you feel disposed to remain there I do not wish you to come back on my account. You must study your own interests and

feelings. I cannot promise you more than by steady industry and economy I think you might make a good living here. If you feel disposed to remain and I should sell part of the place I could help you some in your pecuniary matters.

I hope you will act like a man and a Christian and will seek the blessing of God on yourself and your family and labors. Give my love to your wife, children and friends. Please give my respects to Mr. Poe. I sent you a little money in the other letter. I hope you will make good use of it. No more at present.

Your affectionate Father,

James Renfrew.

P. S. Please let me know about (132) Levi Johnson, if he is still there, and how things are getting along in general and write soon and a long letter.

J. R.

Last illness and Death of (6) James

Letter to (13) John from (18) Philander C.

Richland County, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1853.

Dear Brother John:

I sit down hurriedly and with much regret to inform you of the decease of our venerable father. He died on yesterday week the 26th of November at 9 o'clock A. M.

You may think it hard John that I have not written sooner, as I think your last letter was not answered, but circumstances were such that I could not. Our father, as I told you in a former letter, has been in poor health for a long time, four months at least, in which time he has been gradually sinking. However, about a month before he died, he got considerably better, and was able to go to town and to his neighbors. But he took to his bed again and though his sufferings were very great, he bore them with as much Christian fortitude as was ever witnessed. He was most conscious of what was going on until a few hours before his death. He was also sensible that his end was approaching, so much so that the evening before his death, seeing the sun set on the trees, he made the remark that that was the last sunset he should ever see in this world. The peace of mind in which he seemed to breathe his last greatly lightens the shock which would have been produced on me had he died otherwise.

I must close this scribbling letter by wishing you to write as often as possible. I do not know how things will go here since papa is gone, nor do I rightly know the contents of the will.

I must write to Rufus today, also, for I can't get

time in the week for we are rather behind with our work on account of papa's illness.

I must tell you before I quit that Alec McElroy was married a few days ago.

Give my respects to your family.

I remain your affectionate brother,

Philander Renfrew."

(6) James was buried beside his first wife in the family cemetery on the farm. I have no information as to what became of his second wife, Mrs. Armstrong Renfrew, only that she survived him and got her share of the estate.

7. WILLIAM, b. in County Down, Ireland, date unknown, and d. in Coshocton, Ohio, in 1847. He was twice married. By his first wife he had one son and five daughters and by his second wife, Mrs. Eleanor Lewis Johnson, he had one daughter, all of whom grew up and became prominent and highly respected citizens.

I know but little of William's history but that he came to America with his father and brother, James, located in Coshocton, and no doubt spent most of his subsequent life there and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Coshocton. Enough is known that he was a highly esteemed citizen.

#### Children of (3) Jacob

8. ALEXANDER, b. in Lewisburg, Pa. in 1802, came to Coshocton, Ohio, with his Uncle, (1) James, and located three miles from Coshocton, on a farm. He married and raised a family of three children, Alexander, Benton and Catherine. He built a large brick house on his farm about 1837 in which some of his descendants still live. He was a model citizen and became one of the wealthiest farmers in that region. He d. in 1878. His son, Alexander, was a Union soldier in the Civil War, who was living in Coshocton in 1919.

#### Ch. of (6) James.—Wife Ann McGowan (105)

9. ALEXANDER MCGOWAN, b. Oct. 24, 1816, and raised on the home farm. m. Catherine Davis, May 5, 1836, by Rev. James Johnston, Mansfield, O., studied medicine, became a physician, lived a while in Indiana, went to San Francisco about 1850, and after several years located in Eugene City, Ore., where he practiced medicine for many years, and spent last years of his life in Portland, Ore. d. alone in the woods on Blue River, 20 miles from McKenzie Bridge, Aug. 5, 1876, presumably of apoplexy. He had been in poor health and was staying temporarily

- in a mining camp with his nephew, (28) Oscar H. On this morning he returned to camp to get a pick, but got lost in the woods. On the return of the men to camp they at once began a search for him, and found his remains a day or two later. He was buried where found, a rude coffin being constructed of slabs of slate. As the men present were all Odd Fellows, except his nephew, (29) William W., he was interred with the beautiful burial service of that order conducted by his brother (18) Philander C. It was a solemn service at the foot of the Cascade Mountains, "in the continuous woods where rolls the Oregon." His wife, Catherine, d. some years later in Portland, survived by an adopted daughter (26).
10. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 30, 1817, grew up on the farm, was farmer, singing teacher and miner. m. Mrs. Eliza M. Day Darr, a widow, July 19, 1843, by Rev. Levingsworth, Mt. Vernon, O. Went to California in 1850 or 51 to engage in mining. Returned to Ohio in 1852 and soon returned to California with his family, including his stepdaughter, Melvilla Darr. b. Dec. 29, 1838. Some years later he returned with his family to Ohio, to spend the remainder of his days. Melvilla, who had m. John Metcalf, remained in California. William d. of tuberculosis Feb. 28, 1861 and was buried in the Renfrew family cemetery on the old home farm. His widow, Eliza, returned with her children to California in 1862, and some years later m. William McElroy, an old friend of William, and they sleep in the cemetery at Santa Cruz, Calif.
11. JAMES, b. Aug. 5, 1819, d. July 10, 1839. He was a noble youth. His premature death was caused by contracting a cold which settled on his lungs. The damp walls of the new brick house caused his cold. Buried in the home cemetery.
12. MARGARET, b. April 10, 1822, m. (132) Levi Johnson Oct. 14, 1844, by Rev. A. F. Shearer of Mansfield. Moved to Benton County, Iowa, 1846. Had one daughter who d. in infancy. Margaret d. there, June 3, 1848, and was buried in a local cemetery. She was very small in stature and of a sweet disposition.
13. JOHN, b. Jan. 16, 1824. Received a common school education, went to Iowa Territory in the spring of 1846. The following letter to his father gives a graphic account of the trip.
- "Cedar Rapids, I. T., May 12, 1846.  
Father:  
Safely arrived in Lynn County, Iowa. I now sit down to fulfill my promise of writing to you some account

of my journey, whereabouts, prospects, etc.

I joined my company at Granville the 17th April, passed through Columbus the 18th, got to Cincinnati without difficulty on the morning of the 22nd, took passage on the steamboat Wing and started from there at 5 o'clock for Louisville. The next morning at 10, started again, at 5 o'clock Sunday night the 26th got to St. Louis. The next morning we ferried over into Illinois, passed through Alton, Ill., crossed the Illinois River at Beardstown, then crossed the Mississippi again the 5th and crossed at Ft. Madison. Lee County, Iowa, a few miles above Duquoin, Ill., got to the lower rapids of Cedar River at Long Aunt Ellen's friend. Last night about 10 o'clock. We only stuck twice in Illinois and twice in the Territory. The roads were miserable, the rain heavy, but the horses were powerful. We have been 27 days on the road—three days we laid by on account of rain and high streams.

Now a word about the country,—parts of Illinois I like very well. The level prairies, several miles in extent, look grand. The soil most any depth produces corn luxuriously, but they are rather too flat, takes too long to dry out, but Iowa is the country. When I used to hear of rolling prairies in Iowa I hardly believed it, thought it was a big story, but I think differently now. I have traveled over prairies six, eight, ten or a dozen miles in extent, as rolling as any of our fields, and soil three times as deep, and these not rough but gradual rise and fall, up and down, up and down, one hill after another, without a stick, stump or stone for miles. Oh! what piles of corn all along the road. They build square pens of rails raising the pen as they throw in the corn, till they get it about 12 feet high, then cover with hay, corn husks or something else. Some farmers have four or five of these pens full of corn yet. Cedar Fork is a splendid stream, somewhat larger, I think, than the Walhonding. The bed of the river is limestone. There is plenty of land to enter and wages are pretty good. As soon as I get time I want to hunt a place to work.

Give my love to the little boys and Ellen. I haven't heard from Alexander yet. No more at present. Direct to Marion, Linn County.

John Renfrew."

In his letter John does not name any one who accompanied him on the trip to Iowa, but I feel certain that his sister Margaret and her husband, Levi Johnson, were with him, as they located near him in Benton County. The



Aunt Ellen referred to in the letter was Mrs. Eleanor Lewis Johnson Renfrew, Levi's mother. John settled on a homestead ten miles east of Vinton, which he improved during the summer months and made a little money by teaching school in winter.

In the summer of 1848 he went back to Ohio, visited home folks in Richland County and on Nov. 2, 1848, m. Miss Hester Jane Johnson at the home of her parents Robert and Jane Stevenson Johnson, near Plainfield, Coshocton County. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Isaac N. Baird, whose wife was a daughter of (114) Thomas Johnson. They spent the winter in Ohio and in the spring of 1849 returned to Iowa by way of steamboat from Wheeling, down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi. They lived on their farm almost five years. On the 20th of Feb. 1854, having sold the farm, they left by wagon for Davenport, Iowa, crossed the Mississippi on the ice, to Rock Island, Ill. Here they took passage on the Chicago & Rock Island Ry. for Chicago on their way to Ohio. This train was one of the first, if not the first, through passenger train over this road. The family visited relatives in Coshocton and Richland counties during the summer and spent the winter in Daniel Nissley's old house near Galion, Crawford County. In the spring of 1855 John bought a 25 acre farm in Richland County, 3 1-2 miles from Crestline, and moved upon it. He sold the farm in 1860, and on April 2, 1860, the family left Crestline by rail for Cameron, Missouri, and for three years lived on Robert Johnson's farm near Mirabile, Caldwell County.

In April, 1863, having bought a farm near by, John moved with his family to the new home, which, with the exception of two and a half years temporary absence, was the home of the family for a quarter of a century. John, in his early manhood was a Whig. He would have voted for General Taylor for president in November, 1848, but that he was then temporarily in Ohio. In 1852 he voted for General Scott, the last presidential candidate of the Whig party. Like many other Whigs, he was dissatisfied with the attitude of the party on the slavery question. On the organization of the new Republican party he joined it with enthusiasm and cast his vote for John C. Fremont for president in 1856.

He was a reader of the New York Tribune and a great admirer of Horace Greeley. He was thoroughly in sympathy with the Free State men's struggle in Kansas, and John Brown's fight for freedom. He followed close-



Robert Johnson  
John Renfrew.

(182) Jane Stevenson Johnson.  
(141) Hester Jane Johnson Ren-  
frew.

(31) James Philander Renfrew

(33) Mary Ellen Renfrew (32) Emily Jane Renfrew  
DeGeer

(34) Haggie Lou Renfrew Nuss

ly the debates between Lincoln and Douglas in 1858. He was a close observer of the debates and fights in Congress over the slavery question from 1854 until the breaking out of the Civil War, and no one in the community in which he lived was more thoroughly posted on the issues before the people in those strenuous years. He did not vote for Lincoln in 1860, as he had not lived in the state long enough to become a legal voter, but he voted for him in 1864. On the organization of the Mirabile Home Guards in June, 1861, (Union) (140) Capt. E. D. or S. Johnson, he was one of the first men enrolled. This company was disorganized in Oct. 1861.

On the organization of the Enrolled Missouri Militia in July, 1862, he was mustered into Capt. Hugh Rogers' Company of the 49th E. M. M. at Cameron, Mo. and served as orderly sergeant of the company. Speaking of John's services as an officer Captain Rogers once said "The stars may vary in their course, but our orderly never varies." This organization was a kind of Home Guard, clothed and armed by the government, to be subject to call when needed to protect the state against guerilla or "bushwhacker" raids, and when not needed in the field the members returned to their homes and cared for their farms.

John participated in two guerilla fights, the first of July 1864, near Union Mills, Platte County, with Thrailkill's band, and the second at Albany, Ray County, Oct. 27, 1864, in which the noted Bill Anderson, leader of the guerillas was killed. In both of these engagements Major Samuel P. Cox, of Gallatin, Mo., commanded the militia. This affair practically closed the war in Northwest Missouri and the E. M. M. was soon after disbanded.

In a letter to his brother Rufus A. of Mansfield, Ohio, under date of August 14th, 1864, John gives the following graphic account of the fight at Union Mills, as he saw it: "The funnelly" bushwhackers are much worse in northwestern Missouri than they have been since the war began. About two hundred of the rascals came through this neighborhood and robbed Kingston and Mirabile. We followed them, overtook them about forty miles west from here and gave them a whaling. Your 'humble' was in the front lines, stood fire, (for a wonder) heard a great deal of shooting with rifles, shot guns and revolvers, but saw 'nary a whacker.' They were in the thick brush right in front of us, but did some awful poor shooting, our party, ditto. We had a man killed and three wounded. It is said that they had several killed, but 'tween you and I,

'rayther' doubtful. We have lots of veteran troops in here now, but it is very risky business for private parties, especially strangers, to travel through the country."

John was an industrious man and a fairly successful farmer. He was honest and straightforward in his dealings with his fellow men. He was active in community affairs, an Odd Fellow and Good Templar for many years, always ready to take part in spelling schools and "Literaries," and temperance work. In early life he was an active member of New School Presbyterian church for several years, but later he drifted away from church affiliations. During all these years his home was open to traveling preachers and their families and many of them were recipients of his hospitality.

Late in life he again began the study of the Bible with an open mind, went regularly to prayer meeting and church, and took part in the services, and still had many years to get right with God.

In 1888 he sold the home place and moved with his family to Barber County, Kansas, where all of his children, except the one still at home, had preceded them. When he left Ohio in 1860 he had planned to stop only a year or two in Missouri on his way to Kansas. He often said that he left Ohio for Kansas in 1860, but that he stopped off in Missouri 28 years while on the way. His life in Kansas was uneventful, and on the opening of the Cherokee Strip, he moved with his family to Woods County, Oklahoma Territory, and located ten miles north of Alva, in April, 1894.

The following from Bishop Quayle's "September," in which he describes his father, reminds me, in so many ways of my own father, that I give it here. "And never September comes but I think of a stooped man with blue, keen, laughing eyes and shag of beard and hands rough as tree bark and strength like the strength of ten and voice like a winter's gale for opulence of wind and music, and how he used to pitch hay fields to me and I would load the hay fields he pitched, and then would unload and he would stack: and I would give—O, I would give years of living to see him only once more and that once but five minutes—but I must wait till the morning breaketh and the shadows flee away."

For many years Father and I farmed together and as described above "he used to pitch hay fields to me and I would load the hay fields he pitched, and then would unload and he would stack."

His faithful wife fell asleep March 12, 1899, a few

months after the anniversary of their golden wedding and on June 16, 1902, he followed her, and they rest beside each other, in the A. O. U. W. Cemetery on the hill west of Alva.

14. ISABELLA JANE, b. Jan. 5, 1826, m. Oliver Perry Clark April 5, 1846, by L. J. Johnson, Keene, Ohio. Her marriage was a most unhappy one, through no fault of her own and she d. May 14, 1847. She was buried at Jacobsport (E. Plainfield). In a letter to his father, her brother William urged that her remains be removed to the family burial ground near Mansfield, but I do not think that it was done. Perry Clark's subsequent history is unknown to Isabella's family.
15. ANN LOUISA, b. Jan. 27, 1828, and d. at home, Sept. 19, 1845. She was said to have been a most beautiful girl in mind as well as in person. She was betrothed to B. W. (Wesley) Lewis, a noble young man, teacher and temperance lecturer, who, dying May 8, 1852, requested to be buried beside her in the family burial plot, a request which her father readily granted.
16. RUFUS ABRAM, b. Jan. 21, 1832, received a fair common school education. Went with his brother William to California in 1852 and worked in the gold mines at Mariposa and other diggings. He was quick-tempered, but of a genial, kindly nature. The following story illustrates his friendly disposition: Rufus had been away from camp for several days, and on his return a Chinese friend called at the cabin door and asked, "Where's Linfu? Long time sin' me no see he."

He returned to Ohio in 1861 and the next year accompanied his brother William's family back to California. He returned to Ohio in 1864, moved to Missouri in April, 1865, and bought a farm near Mirabile, Caldwell, County.

On June 11, 1865, he m. Miss Lou M. Richardson, ceremony performed by Rev. Geo. B. Hitchcock, Kingston, Mo. The bride was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Richardson, then of Kidder, Mo. and was b. in June, 1841. Rufus' health began to fail about 1870 and he went to California and Oregon hoping that change of climate might be beneficial. But tuberculosis had too strong a hold and he returned to his home at Kidder, Mo. where he d. April 29, 1872. He rests in the cemetery at Kingston, Mo.

His widow later m. Hugh Cochran Stockton. Aug. 19, 1880. Mr. Stockton b. in Clay County, Mo. Dec. 1841, was a Christian gentleman, loved and honored by all who

knew him. He was a staunch Presbyterian, a Good Templar, who lived up to his professions. He was a school-mate and life-long friend of (31) James Philander and his wife, Ella Black.

Hugh d. March 1, 1900, in Hamilton, Mo. of tuberculosis and was buried in Kingston. The wife d. Feb. 12, 1922, at the home of her daughter, (36) Mrs. Jennie E. Baker, in Athol, a suburb of Kansas City, Mo. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Kingston, Mo.

17. ELEANOR, b. Oct. 9, 1833, m. Daniel Nissley Jan. 15, 1852, by Rev. Dickey, Mansfield, O. She was a good wife and mother and d. April 25, 1891, on the old Renfrew homestead and was buried in the family cemetery. Her husband, Daniel Nissley, b. Aug. 28, 1824, in Pennsylvania, bought the interest of the Renfrew heirs in the old homestead and moved there in 1864, and it remained in the family for more than 50 years. He d. there Sept. 16, 1906, and was buried in Mansfield.

18. PHILANDER CHASE, b. Oct. 9, 1837, was named for Bishop Philander Chase, founder and first president of Kenyon College, Gambler, Ohio. On the death of his father, in November, 1853, the will appointed Judge Charles Sherman of Mansfield, brother of Senator John and Gen. W. T. Sherman, as his guardian during minority.

In August, 1855, he went to California and worked in the gold mines with his brother William and Rufus. He returned to Ohio in 1859 and in 1860 m. Lousia M. Draper, niece of Eliza, his brother William's wife, ceremony by Rev. Lewis, of Newark, Ohio.

He enlisted in President Lincoln's first call for troops in the 14th O. V. I. and participated in the affair at Philippi, Va. in June, 1861. He did not re-enlist, but in the spring of 1862, with his wife, joined an emigrant train and crossed the plains to Dayton and Virginia City, Nevada, where they remained for several years.

He finally went to Eugene City, Oregon, to the home of his brother Alexander, and soon thereafter located at McKenzie Bridge, nearly 60 miles east of Eugene up the McKenzie River. His wife refused to share the frontier life with him, and going to California, never returned.

Philander and his nephew, (28) Oscar H., formed a partnership in prospecting for gold and in building a toll road through the Cascade Mountains to the east. He spent all of his time and means for several years on the toll road project and by the time the road was completed other stockholders got a controlling interest and practically confiscated what represented his labor and earnings

of years. Utterly disheartened and despondent he returned from the stockholders' meeting to McKenzie Bridge, where he ended his life by his own hand, passing away Nov. 15, 1880. He was a man of noble character and high ideals. Members of the faculty of the Oregon State University at Eugene, camped near his house in the great fir forests for several weeks each summer, and he formed many strong friendships among them. He discovered that the ice field on the eastern slope of Middle Sister in the Cascades was a true glacier and it has been named the Renfrew Glacier. He often piloted tourists from Eugene, Portland and other cities, to the glacier and other beautiful scenery in the vicinity of the lofty peaks known as the Three Sisters. He died too young, and sleeps beneath the stately firs, within the sound of the murmuring waters of the McKenzie and among the mountains that he loved so well.

#### Ch. of (7) William—Wife Unknown

19. MARY BATCHELOR, b. in Coshocton, Feb. 9, 1816, d. April 15, 1900.
20. HANNAH DELAMATER, b. in Coshocton 1828, d. 1915. Married Dr. Delamater. He was an accomplished physician, but did not like the profession. Discovered a paint mine which made him wealthy.
21. MARGARET HOWE, b. in Coshocton.
22. MRS. FRENCH THORNHILL, b. in Coshocton.  
Her husband, French Thornhill was elected representative of Coshocton County to the Legislature, in the forties. During the session Mrs. Thornhill gave birth to twin daughters and a committee of the House accompanied the happy father from Columbus to Coshocton to welcome the new arrivals.
23. SARAH WHITNEY, b. in Coshocton 1820, m. Dr. Benjamin J. Whitney, a prominent physician of Mansfield, and d. there Feb. 3, 1906, aged 86 years. Daughters, Mrs. Lyman Strong (Frances), Mansfield; Mrs. John M. Pearce, (Nellie), Kenton, O.; Mrs. Andrew J. Gilbert, (Delia), Mansfield; Mrs. Ida Campbell; Mrs. Hattie Kimball.
24. WILLIAM W., b. in Coshocton June 21, 1825, d. April 9, 1900, Sons, James B. and E. V. James had an original Renfrew coat-of-arms at his home in Coshocton in 1918. The above is a list of the children of William (7) first wife. By his second wife, Eleanor Lewis Johnson, he had a daughter, Marion.
25. MARION FARQUHAR, half sister of Levi Johnson (132)

She d. in Riverside, California about 1886.

Ch. of (9) Alexander M.—Wife,  
Catherine Davis

26. ADOPTED DAUGHTER, married, Eugene City, Ore.

Ch. of (10) William,—Wife  
Eliza M. Day Darr

27. BARBOUR, b, 1845 in Ohio. Barbour was a bright and amiable boy, but had a most ungovernable temper. His teacher, Miss Katie Miller, of Mansfield, said 50 years later that Barbour and his brother Oscar were the noblest boys she ever knew. Barbour, when a child, made the trips of the family from Ohio to California, by way of Panama, back and forth until 1862 they went to California to stay.

He finally located near Healdsburg, and one day in 1870 he got into an altercation with a neighbor over the lines between their lands, and shot him. Thinking that he had killed the man, and dreading the result of his rash act, he went to his room and took his own life. The man recovered. Oscar (28), who witnessed the quarrel said that Barbour was absolutely in the right except the act of taking the law into his own hands.

28. OSCAR H. b, 1847, in Ohio. Made the various trips with the family. Sometime after his brother's d. went to Oregon and was associated in business with his Uncle, Philander C., at McKenzie Bridge, until the death of the latter in 1880.

About 1890 he m. Elvira Smart, and died some two years later, of tuberculosis, at McKenzie Bridge. One child, a daughter, d. before her father, and they sleep beside Philander C. (18) under the firs at McKenzie Bridge. The widow lost her eyesight and for many years was a teacher in the State Blind Asylum at Salem.

29. WILLIAM WESLEY, b. June 17, 1853, in California. Returned to Ohio with the family and in 1862 went back to California, where he grew up. Received a good business education. Was present at the burial of his uncle, Alexander Renfrew (9), in the McKenzie forests, 1876. Finally located in Whitman County, Washington. m. Miss Alice Emma Russell January 28, 1883. Served two terms, four years, as county clerk of Whitman county, and held other offices of trust and profit. He has for several years, (1922), been a successful banker of Farmington, Wash. They have three children:

William Claude, b. July 11, 1884. m. Wytte Lee Wheeler, Mar. 15, 1906. He is a successful banker of



Moscow, Idaho. They have five children, viz; William Wheeler, Alfred Keith, James Lee, Jane and Wesley Claude.

Edgar Earle, b. May 27, 1887, m. Miss Elsie Pauline McKenzie Nov. 25, 1909. They have two children, Malcolm McKenzie and Edgar Earle.

Glaysd Ione, b. May 22, 1892; m. Frederick A. Schnurr, Oct. 14, 1914. Children, Robert Renfrew and Barbara Ferris.

William W., with two sons and six grandsons, bids fair to perpetuate the name of Renfrew.

30. ANNA L., b. Jan. 31, 1857, near Mansfield, O., m. Mr. Bever. Has one daughter, Mae, b. about 1887, wife of Mr. Sperry, at Tampico, Mex. 1922. Anna d. at Santa Cruz, Calif., Feb. 13 or 14, 1921.

Ch. of (13) John,—Wife, Hester  
Jane Johnson

21. JAMES PHILANDER, b. Aug 31, 1849, in a log house in Benton County, Iowa, 10 miles east of Vinton. Went with the family to Ohio in 1854. Started to school April, 1856, to the Riblett schoolhouse, in Sandusky Township, Richland County, five miles east of Galion, and attended regularly summer and winter terms for four years. He passed through the McGuffey series of readers, first to fifth inclusive, and had a special taste for reading and geography. He had access to few books at home, but for a year or more had read many volumes from the Ohio School Library in his district, among them being Jacob and John S. C. Abbott's Child's histories and a large two-volume history of Greece, probably Thirlwall's. He read most of these books aloud to his mother, who always took a sympathetic and intelligent interest in her boy's progress.

In April, 1860, the family moved to Caldwell county, Missouri, near the village of Mirabile, and for nearly 27 years lived in this vicinity. The stirring presidential campaign of 1860 and the four years of Civil War that followed, made a deep impression on the youth, and the organization of the local Home Guards, the battles of Blue Mills Landing, Lexington, Lone Jack and guerilla fights all within 50 miles of his home, combined to make this period one of the most vivid interest to him throughout his life. After the winter of 1860 public schools were very irregular in that vicinity, but with a number of subscription schools he was able to secure a fair education for that period. He joined the Good Templars, a noble

order of pioneer temperance workers, in the fall of 1865 and was connected with the organization as long as a lodge existed in the vicinity. He joined the Odd Fellows in November, 1870, but in the course of three years he drifted away from the order and was never afterward identified with it.

In 1870 he was appointed Asst. U. S. Marshal and took the 9th U. S. census in a subdivision of Caldwell County, Missouri.

He m. on August 31, 1871, Miss Julia Ellen Black, daughter of Dr. O. H. Black, of Mirabile. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George S. Stocking, pastor of the Mirabile M. E. church.

In March, 1872, he was appointed Registrar for Mirabile Township and registered those who had been disfranchised as "Southern Sympathizers," by the Missouri Test Oath of 1866.

For over fifteen years he and his wife lived in their own home in the neighborhood where he grew up.

J. P. farmed on his father's farm with indifferent success, taught a few terms of school in winter. He was country correspondent of the Cameron and Kingston papers regularly most of these years, and it was a pretty fair schooling for the newspaper work that he took up later in life.

Finally, he and his wife decided that it would be best to try pioneer life in the southwest and on Jan. 11, 1887, they left for Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He filed on a pre-emption of 160 acres in Barber county, one mile east of the Comanche County line, Postoffice Deerhead. A comfortable "Dugout" at the head of the canyon made the family a temporary home for a year or two. He farmed in summer and taught school in winter, five successive terms. He derived great benefit from attending several terms of the Barber County Teachers' Normal Institute of four to six weeks, each summer.

In 1890 he and his wife joined the Farmers' Alliance and became active and enthusiastic in the work. The Alliance was the forerunner of the Populist or People's Party, which for several years dominated the politics of Kansas and several states of the southwest.

On the opening of the Cherokee Strip or Outlet in Oklahoma Territory to settlement he and his family participated in the race for homes on September 16, 1893. He made the race from Hardtner, Barber county, near the Kansas state line, and secured a fine homestead four miles south of the line. They made actual settlement on

the claim in April, 1894. In the following August he was nominated for County Treasurer of "M" or Woods County on the Populist ticket, and was elected in November. He served a term of two years, the family making its home in Alva during that period.

In the campaign of 1898 he was the Populist candidate for territorial councilman or senator, for a district comprising about two-thirds of old Woods County, all of Blaine and a portion of Dewey counties, but was defeated by his Republican opponent, James P. Gandy of Alva. In May, 1899, he and E. Madison of Alva bought the Alva Review, the Populist organ, and for three years published it under the firm name of Madison & Renfrew. This was his first newspaper experience, the work being more congenial than any in which he had previously been engaged. At the end of this period Madison & Renfrew sold their paper, which at once advocated Republican policies under the new management. As the Populists of the county were left without an organ he was urged to again enter the newspaper field and the result was that on July 10, 1902, he published the first issue of Renfrew's Record at Alva. For 18 years the paper grew and prospered under his management, the last five years being ably assisted in the work by his wife. On June 1st, 1920, Renfrew's Record was leased to R. F. Blakey & Withrow of Wichita, Kansas, and in February, 1921, the plant was sold outright to them. The publication still flourishes, (1925), as the Alva Record, now owned and published by A. W. Doughty.

J. P. became a member of the Oklahoma (Territorial) Press Association in 1900 and seldom failed to attend its annual meetings. At the Enid meeting of the Oklahoma (State) Press Association, May, 1910, he was unanimously elected president for one year, and presided at the Chickasha annual meeting in May, 1911. He had previously held the office of first vice president two terms and fourth vice president one term. It was during his administration that the site for the Editors' Club House at Medicine Park, near Ft. Sill, was selected, and work on the beautiful building was begun.

In January, 1911, he was appointed a member of the Board of Regents of the Boys' State Training School at Pauls Valley by Governor Lee Cruce.

In October, 1916, he was appointed postmaster at Alva, (recess appointment), by President Woodrow Wilson, and took charge of the office Nov. 1, 1916. On Jan. 2, 1917, his nomination was confirmed by the Senate for a

term of four years from that date. He served in that capacity until Feb. 18, 1922, when he turned the office over to his successor.

He was a regular Sunday School attendant from childhood, up, when living in the vicinity of one. He was an ardent temperance advocate and woman suffragist from boyhood, but steadfastly set his face against uniting with the church.

March 6, 1898, he, with his wife, united with the United Brethren Church at Mirabile schoolhouse, and since then has endeavored to live the Christian life.

In June, 1908, he transferred his membership from the U. B. Church to the Alva M. E. Church, Rev. H. C. Case then pastor.

The greatest grief of his life was the death of his wife, which occurred, December 18, 1924. The memory of her sweet companionship and wifely sympathy for more than fifty years was a source of comfort and inspiration to him throughout the remainder of his life.

32. EMILY JANE, b. Feb. 18, 1852, in a log house on the family homestead in Benton Co., Ia., 10 miles east of Vinton. On Feb. 20, 1854, family started by wagon to Davenport, on its way to Ohio. Started to school in April, 1856, in Richland County, with her brother, who was older, and made rapid progress in the McGuffey speller and readers in the four years spent in the Ohio public schools. Went with the family to Missouri in 1860, and attended the public and subscription schools in the vicinity during and for some years following the Civil War. Was an inveterate reader of the best books and magazines throughout her life.

On Dec. 5, 1871, she was united in m. with James Winterstein De Geer. The ceremony was performed at the family home in Mirabile Township, Caldwell County, by Rev. M. J. Callan of Kidder. Mr. De Geer was b. in Ontario, Canada, near Toronto, Nov. 26, 1843. He early took up the trade of a painter by profession. He had an excellent education, having attended three years at Hillsdale College, Michigan. He came to Missouri in 1868, taught several terms of school, following his marriage, but made farming and stock raising his chief occupation. The family lived in Mirabile township until July, 1886, when it moved to Barber County, Kansas, and located on a pre-emption claim on the Comanche County line. Sheep raising was its principal occupation for some years, then the raising of thoroughbred cattle was taken up. Mr. De Geer soon after locating in Barber County began to

purchase tracts of land in his vicinity until he had acquired some 7,000 acres of land in one body, which he still (1925) owns. In 1908 Emily and the family located in Nampa, Idaho, where they remained for some years, then moved to National City near San Diego, California, 1918, where they still reside (1925). James W. De Geer is of French ancestry. His parents were John DeGeer, b. in Ontario, Canada, 1801, and Elizabeth Winterstein De Geer, b. in Pennsylvania, 1806, d. Dec. 25, 1873.

- 33 MARY ELLEN, b. Aug. 10, 1855, in a log house on the home farm in Richland County near Crestline. Moved with the family to Missouri in 1860. Started to school in the home district that summer, and continued in the irregular public schools the six or eight years following. Like the older children she also had a great taste for reading. On October 28, 1875, she m. Lyman Winterstein De Geer in Cameron, Missouri, Rev. W. H. Welton officiating. Mr. De Geer was a brother of J. W.; was born in Ontario, Canada May 3, 1849, came to Michigan when young and received a good common school education. Was a pa.—came to Missouri in 1868. Followed school teaching for several years. After their marriage Mary and Lyman went to Nodaway county, where he taught school and returned to Caldwell county a year later. They farmed for several years in the vicinity, and in the spring of 1886 moved to Barber County, Kansas, and located on a pre-emption on the Comanche county line. They engaged in raising cattle and feed for several years.

Before leaving Missouri Lyman had been admitted to the bar, and on going to Kansas he continued to practice his profession in the Justices' courts. Mary and her husband went into the Farmers' Alliance with enthusiasm and on the organization of the Populist party in 1890 he was elected County Attorney by a large majority. Mary and her family then moved to Medicine Lodge.

In November, 1892, Lyman was elected for a second term. In the fall of 1893 he resigned his office in order to be eligible to take a claim in the Cherokee Strip. He secured a fine claim near Alva, located upon it, and it was their home for several years. About 1900 the family moved to Alva and here L. W. d. March 6, 1902, after a brief illness. He was laid to rest in the A. O. U. W. Cemetery. He was good-hearted and genial, a successful teacher and lawyer, and his children honor his memory.

After this Mary moved to Wichita, Kan., 1904, where she lived for several years, and in 1906 moved to Colorado and located on a claim 30 miles southeast of Colorado

Springs. The past five years, (1925) she has been living with the family of her daughter, Mrs. Rev. S. G. Welles, in Trenton, New Jersey. Here she revels in visiting the historic places of the Revolutionary period, where monuments are located on nearly every hill and valley. The century old forts, cemeteries, battlefields and colonial houses all appeal to her and she never tires of the scenes where struggled and suffered the sires of the republic. For many years she has been a devout working member of the Episcopal Church.

34. **HESSIE LOU**, b. in a log house in Mirabile Township, Jan. 14, 1869. Grew up on the farm, attended the public schools and a year in the Hamilton High school. Moved with her parents to Barber County, Kansas in 1888, attended Barber County Teachers' Institute, at Medicine Lodge, several summers and taught three terms of school.

On the opening of the Cherokee Strip she participated in the race for homesteads, September 16, 1893, and secured a good claim 10 miles north of Alva. On the organization of a school district she donated two acres of her homestead for a school house site, on condition that she be permitted to name it, which was accepted by the patrons. She gave the name "Mirabile," her old home in Missouri, and that community has ever since been known by that name.

On April 22, 1895, she was united in m. with Anthony T. Nuce, in Alva. The ceremony was performed by Probate Judge James Walker. Mr. Nuce was b. in Ohio, Nov. 26, 1868. He came from Ford County, Kan., and secured a claim on the day of the race into the Cherokee Strip in 1893 four miles south of the state line. He is an industrious farmer and has been successful. They lived for several years on Tony's farm and in Capron. They then built a good house and barn on Hessie's farm near Mirabile school house. Here they lived until 1913, when they leased her farm and moved to Colorado and located on a claim 25 miles southeast of Colorado Springs, which has since been the family home.

**Ch. of (16) Rufus Abram,—Wife**  
**Lou M. Richardson**

35. **ANNIE**, b. on the farm near Mirabile, Oct. 28, 1866, d. there Sept. 27, 1867. Buried in Kingston.
36. **JENNIE EVELYN**, b. on the farm, April 11, 1868. Lost her father, R. A., when she was four years of age. Grew up in Kidder and Cameron and was educated in the public schools of those cities. m. Charles Henry Baker in Cam-

eron Oct. 5, 1892. He was b. May 22, 1863. He was a marble cutter in Hamilton, Mo. for many years, then moved to Kansas City, Mo. and later to Athol, a suburb of Kansas City.

Jennie possesses a fine copy of the Renfrew coat-of-arms, left her by her father. He received it of his father, (6) James. Its previous history is unknown to the writer. 5 ch. living; Hazel, Helen, Victor, Ruth and Marie, 1925.

37. MAGGIE, b. in Kidder, Mo., 1871, d. there Nov. 2, 1873, and was buried in Kingston. Her father announced her birth in a letter to his brother (13) John, "Well, it is a girl again according to established usage."

Ch. of (17) Eleanor,—Husband, Daniel Nissley.

38. JACOB RENFREW, b. Aug. 28, 1852 on the farm 3 miles east of Galion, Ohio. The second name given Jacob by his parents was Ray, but later in life he changed it to Renfrew. Moved with his parents, in 1864, to the Renfrew homestead northeast of Mansfield, where he grew to manhood. At the age of 14 he had the misfortune to lose his left hand.

He desired a business education, as he was physically incapacitated for manual labor, but his father, through false economy, refused to assist him in getting an education but kept him at work on the farm.

Arriving at man's estate he became a collector of relics and curios, chiefly antiquities of the Indians and Mound Builders. For many years he traveled over Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and among the Ozarks of southwest Missouri with a horse and light wagon. He gathered a large and valuable collection, and opened a store of antiquities in Mansfield, which he operated for many years. He prepared a system of cataloguing his curios and making price lists, his own invention, by means of which he was enabled to build up a successful business.

Failing in health about 1916 caused him to dispose of his stock, which was chiefly purchased for the museums of several colleges.

On the death of his father he purchased the interest of the other heirs and became owner of the old Renfrew homestead. On retiring from business he decided to sell the homestead, but before doing so he had the remains of all who had been buried in the family lot on the farm, removed to the Mansfield Cemetery and purchasing an endowment policy he thus secured the perpetual main-



(42) Rufus Oakley Renfrew  
(XVI) Harold LeRoy Street,  
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(XII) Stella Thaxter Long Renfrew. Page 35

(62) Edith Lillian Renfrew Street.

(99) Harold LeRoy Street, Jr.  
(100) Helen Renfrew Street.



tenance of the graves, in good condition, after he passed on.

Jacob and Susan S. McCrory, b. April 10, 1859 were united in m. Sept. 16, 1884, by Rev. W. H. Daniel. Two children, Ray D. b. June 3, 1878, m. Viola Hoover, June 3, 1909. Lillian Mannette, b. April 14, 1900, m. Sept. 28, 1918, at Monroe, Mich. to Clarence Harbaugh.

Jacob sold the homestead in 1919, after it had been in the possession of the family for more than 100 years, and moved to Pomona, California. Here he passed to his reward June 23, 1920, and he rests in the Pomona cemetery.

39. RUFUS N., b. near Galion, Aug. 20, 1854, and d. at the Renfrew homestead Aug. 28, 1893, buried in the family cemetery.
40. ELLEN, b. near Galion, Mar. 22, 1856, grew up on the Renfrew homestead, m. Frederick Schenk, a cheese-maker, and farmer, on April 8, 1895. Two children, Daniel William, b. Jan. 8, 1898, and Mary May, b. May 9, 1899; they still live (1923) near the old homestead.
41. HATTIE, b. near Galion, Oct. 26, 1857, d. June 17, 1903, on the homestead and was buried in the family cemetery.

**Ch. of (31) James P.—Wife, Julia Ellen Black.**

42. RUFUS OAKLEY, b. July 6, 1872, in Mirabile Tp. After reaching school age he attended the public schools of Missouri until 1887, when he moved with his parents to Barber Co., Kansas. He worked on neighboring ranches attended district schools and taught three terms of school. He took part in the race into the Cherokee Strip, Sept. 16, 1893, and secured a good claim southwest of Hardtner, Kansas.

He taught two short terms of school in Woods Co., Okla., in the fall and winter of 1894-95. He graduated from the commercial department of the Central Normal College at Great Bend, Kan. in the summer of 1895. He then entered the County Treasurer's office at Alva, as deputy for his father, J. P., then treasurer of Woods County, on July 1, 1895, serving in that capacity until Jan. 7, 1897.

After spending several years in various mercantile pursuits he, with his brother-in-law- Dyas Gadbois, engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Alva, under the firm name of Renfrew and Gadbois, until February, 1904.

On Feb. 13, 1898, he was united in m. with Stella Thaxter, daughter of Rev. Matthew T. and Mrs. Etta F.

Long, of Alva, the ceremony being performed by her father.

She was born at Erie, Kan., Nov. 14, 1878. He moved with his family to Woodward in Feb., 1905, and engaged in farm loan and abstract business. He later organized the Renfrew Investment Company, which has several branch offices in northwestern Oklahoma and northeastern Panhandle of Texas, which is capitalized at \$50,000.00 and has grown into a strong and successful organization.

He joined the Blue Lodge A. F. & A. M. soon after locating in Alva, and also became a Royal Arch Mason in Alva Chapter. He joined the Commandery of Knights Templar at Enid, and the Council of Royal and Select Masters. He became a member of the 32 degree of Scottish Rite of A. F. & A. M. at Guthrie, and later was given the degree of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, and then the 33 degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary at Washington, D. C. He then became a member of Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in India Temple at Oklahoma City, was presented with an honorary Life Membership, and was sent as a representative of the Temple to the Imperial Council meeting at Minneapolis, Minn. He is Past Master of Woodward Blue Lodge, Past High Priest of Woodward Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Past Worthy Patron of Woodward Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, which is the lodge of which he originally became a member. He has served two years as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. He recently (1922) became a member of the Red Cross of Costantine at Oklahoma City Royal and Select Masters at Taloga, Okla. In 1923 Grand Master, W. E. Stewart, appointed him a member of the Building Commission and Board of Control of the Masonic Home of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. He feels much gratified at the work he has done for Oklahoma Masonry and the recognition he has received from the order.

Since going to Woodward he has served seven years as member of the City Council, four years of that time as President of the Council. He is now serving his second, two-year term, as Mayor of Woodward. He has, indeed, been closely identified with the progress of the municipality during his 18 years' residence in Woodward. He served one term as President of the Woodward Chamber of Commerce, during which term the Chamber was incorporated and organized in its present form (1925) and its first salaried secretary was employed.

He also attended two of the preliminary meetings of the State Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma, and assisted in its final organization, being a member of the committee to draft its Constitution and By-Laws.

He is a member of and elder in the Presbyterian church at Woodward, and teacher of its Business Men's Class, the largest men's Sunday School class in Woodward.

His activities have been closely confined to commercial and civic development, Masonry and church work.

He has been very successful in all lines of his work, and this has been due chiefly to a thorough mastery of the work in hand. He is now (1925), 53 years of age, with the promise of many years of usefulness yet to come.

**Sketch of Family of Stella T. Long,  
Wife of R. O. Renfrew (41).**

I TOBIAS Long, grandfather of Matthew T. Long, came from North Carolina to Green County, Indiana, about 1827. His wife, Matthew's grandmother, a native of Germany, died during the journey to the new home.

II DAVID, son of Tobias, was b. in North Carolina, Oct. 15, 1824; moved with his parents to Green County, Indiana, in 1827. Lived in Lawrence County, Indiana. m. Jeanetta Lowder, Oct. 10, 1850. Moved with his family to Neosho County, Kansas, in March, 1872, and located near Erie, where he d. March, 1897. She d. Nov. 30, 1911.

**Ch. of (II) David,—Wife, Jeanetta  
Lowder Long.**

III MATTHEW THOMAS LONG was b. near Springville, Lawrence County, Ind. Oct. 16, 1851, where he grew to manhood. He helped his father to clear his farm of the heavy growth of fine timber.

In a sketch of his life prepared by himself, M. T. states that his father and himself burned millions of feet of splendid timber in order to clear the land.

In March, 1872, his father sold his farm and moved with his family to Neosho County, Kansas. M. T. taught his first term of school that summer. In the spring of 1874 he began the study of law, and on July 28, 1875, m. Etta F. Noble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Noble, near Osage Mission, now St. Paul.

In May, 1876, he was admitted to the bar and was at once appointed Deputy County Attorney of Neosho county, which position he held until the following January. He practiced law and taught school until September, 1887.

when he moved with his family to Clark County, Kan. On the way their third child, little Edith, three years old, was accidentally killed by falling from the wagon. This sad affair occurred near Hardtner, Kan. "This incident", says Mr. Long, "finally led me to answer a call to preach, which I had felt sometimes for two or three years.

"I first tried to preach at a little sod school house, four or five miles northwest of Ashland, in January 1888" For several years he preached at several charges in southern Kansas. "In October," says Mr. Long, "immediately following the opening of the Cherokee Strip, I went to Alva, Okla. and secured a homestead near that city. I found a town of about 1600 people. There were a few Methodists, but no kind of organization. With the consent of my Kansas presiding elder I undertook the organization, and at Christmas time was transferred and appointed to Alva."

He was re-appointed to Alva for the following year and organized the church at Waynoka. He was sent to Shawnee in 1895 and built the church there. In 1898 he returned to Alva and engaged in mechanical work. He conducted a repair shop and contracted and built scores of houses, a number of them were brick. He built the old M. E. church on Barnes Ave., where now stands the Alva hospital.

He served for six months in 1901, as deputy county attorney of Woods county. In September, 1903, he was made State lecturer for the Kansas State Temperance Union, which place he held for several months.

In the fall of 1904 he went to Indiana and lectured for more than two months for the Anti-Saloon League. He returned to Missouri and was Assistant Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of southern Missouri. In the fall of 1905 he became nervously prostrated and for two years was unable to work. He afterwards preached two years at Helena, worked four years perfecting inventions and getting patents which brought but small pecuniary returns.

During this time he was granted a superannuated relation in the Oklahoma Conference. In 1913 he was given charge at Shattuck, which he held for two years.

In the spring of 1916 he was attacked with a disease that deprived him of the use of his lower limbs and for the rest of his life he could only get about by the use of crutches or in a wheel chair.

During the next few years he lived in Woodward

with his wife and daughter, Ruth, next door to the home of his daughter, Stella. His health steadily declined until his death, which occurred there Sunday, Feb. 15, 1920, at 4:25 p. m. He was buried in the Woodward cemetery Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1920.

Mr. Long was a man of more than ordinary ability and of varied trades and professions. In his autobiographical sketch, he says, "My friends and relatives have often chided me for not 'sticking to one thing.' I do not know whether I am right or wrong, but I must confess that I have not been able to be very sorry about it."

IV LINDA ANN, b. 1853, m. John Field.

V CORNELIUS, b. March 6, 1855.

VI FINLEY, b. Feb., 1857.

VII HENRY C., b. Jan., 1859.

VIII JOHN R., b. 1861.

IX ROLLA E., b. 1869.

X MAGGIE MAY, b. 1871.

XI LINDSEY L., b. Sept., 1875, successful physician, Beaver, Okla. All of the children of David and Jeanetta Lowder Long, except Lindsey L., were born in Indiana. He was born and raised in Neosho County, Kansas.

#### Ch. of (III) M. T. Long,—Wife Etta F. Noble

XII STELLA THAXTER, b. Nov. 14, 1878, Erie, Kan., educated in public schools of southern Kansas. Came with her parents to Alva, Okla., in 1894, m. Rufus O. Renfrew, Feb. 13, 1898. Takes a prominent part in social and church work in her home city, Woodward. Has been Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, President of the P. E. O., etc.

XIII CHARLES FREDERICK, b. Mar. 31, 1881.

XIV EDITH ROSE, b. June 16, 1883, d. as result of accident Sept., 1886.

XV ETHEL MAY, b. July 10, 1887.

XVI ALFRED, b. Jan. 1892. d. Jan., 1892.

XVII RUTH ELMINA, b. Nov. 15, 1898.

#### Maternal Grandparents of Stella T. Long Renfrew

XIX SIDNEY DELANO NOBLE, b. Dec. 1827. d. 1895, m. Eliza Jane Hitchcock, b. Oct. 10, 1836, d. 1903



(44) John Alden Renfrew  
Fred King. Page 50.

(VII) Mabel Williams Renfrew  
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(63) Clara Louise Renfrew Kin

Ch. of (XIX) Sidney D. Noble,—Wife,  
Eliza Jane Hitchcock

XX ARTHUR D., b. May 26, 1854, d. at Cherokee, Okla. 1915.

XXI ETTA FLORENCE, b. Mar. 2, 1856, m. M. T. Long near St. Paul, Kan., July 28, 1875. After marriage she had the usual experience of the wife of a country school teacher and Methodist preacher. Her history is, of course, largely identified with that of her husband and family,

XXII FORREST L., b. June 18, 1858.

XXIII CLYDE D., b. Dec. 30, 1863.

XXIV FRED E., b. Jan. 6, 1865.

XXV THEB. M., b. Aug. 4, 1870.

43 MABEL ESTELLA, b. in Mirabile Tp. Oct. 15, 1873, d. Sept. 5, 1874, buried in the Mirabile cemetery in the lot west of the grave of her grandmother, Susan R. Black.

44. JOHN ALDEN, b. in Mirabile Tp. March 14, 1875. Attended public schools in the home district until 1888. When his parents moved to Barber County, Kansas, in 1887, he remained 18 months longer with his grandparents, John and Hester Renfrew, then came to Kansas with them.

He went to school in Barber County and worked at home and on neighboring ranches. He witnessed the race into the Cherokee Strip, Sept. 16, 1893, though not old enough to take a homestead. He came with the family to Woods County in the spring of 1894, and after helping improve the new claim he went to Alva and worked on the Santa Fe section west of Alva for some months. He then entered the employment of S. B. Share as grocery clerk and worked there with but little intermission for eight years.

On June 1, 1899, he was united in m. with Mabel, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Geo. L. Williams of Alva. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Hartley, pastor of the Congregational church. She was b. June 10, 1874, at Carrollton,, Ill.

In April, 1904, John and his family went to Pomona, Calif., where he worked all summer as clerk in a hardware store. He finally decided that he could do just as well, financially, in Alva. and he would there have the additional advantage of living near his people instead of being separated from them by half a continent. so in August returned to Alva. He again clerked for Mr. Share a year

or two and later, in April, 1907, went in partnership with his brother-in-law, Dyas Gadbois, into the furniture and undertaking business, under the firm name of the Renfrew Furniture Company.

On the d. of Mr. Gadbois in July, 1909, the affairs of the firm were settled up and John temporarily retired from business. Later he entered the second hand furniture business under the firm name of J. A. Renfrew & Company and has successfully conducted the business until the present date, 1925.

In 1906 he was elected a member of the Alva Board of Education and was re-elected at succeeding elections until April, 1915. He served as president of the board one year during that time and resigned on his election as Mayor of the City of Alva, in April, 1915.

While a member of the Board of Education, the East Side School building was erected, the Alva High School was established and the contract had been let for the construction of the beautiful High School building. At the close of his two years as Mayor he was re-elected to a second term by a largely increased majority.

Soon after the close of his second term, he was elected councilman for the third ward, but lost the office before his first term had expired, on moving into another ward.

He was also elected Democratic State Committeeman for Woods County, at the primary election in August, 1916, for a term of two years.

He is a member of the Christian church, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Royal Neighbors, Yeoman and Modern Woodmen of America.

#### **Sketch of Family of Mabel Williams, Wife of J. A. Renfrew.**

I JAMES WILLIAMS, b. in Cornwell, England, m. Mary Gregon in Carrollton, Ill., May, 1820, d. in Illinois. Jan. 25, 1848. Mary Gregon Williams was b. in Toronberry, County Wexford, Ireland, October, 1789, came to Carrollton, Ill. in 1819, m. James Williams, May, 1820, d. Feb. 25, 1882.

II GEORGE L., b. in Carrollton, Ill., Nov. 28, 1834. He was the youngest of five children. He m. Seraphina Anna Bragg, Nov. 22, 1855. He had the honor of meeting Abraham Lincoln in August, 1860. He wrote an account of this incident for Renfrew's Record, Alva, Feb. 12, 1908, which I publish entire.



"Mr. Editor: As you are going to publish a Lincoln paper on the 99th anniversary of his birth, I will write a few lines, as I saw Mr. Lincoln at Carrollton when he and Mr. Douglas had their debate there in 1858. I saw him again in August, 1860, following his nomination at the National Republican Convention at Chicago, in May, as their standard-bearer. There was to be a big Republican rally at Springfield on August 8th. I was captain of a Lincoln marching company that I had organized and drilled and we went to the rally. As there were no railroads in that part of the state then, we had to go by wagon and it took us four days to make the trip. We arrived in Springfield on the morning of the 8th. Mr. Lincoln was at the state house and we all got to shake hands with him. The wagons were forming for the parade and Lincoln went home to sit on his porch and witness the parade as it passed. There were all kinds of manufactures on the wagons. A log was on one of the wagons which men were splitting up into rails. We marched out to the grove where Lincoln addressed a large crowd of people. The marshal came to me and requested me to march my company to the platform and open ranks for Mr. Lincoln to pass through in going from his carriage to the platform and back. The march at night was a mile long and there were fireworks.

Capt. George L. Williams,

Co. G. 91st Ill. Vol. Inf."

In August, 1862, he raised a company which was mustered in as Co. G. 91st Ill. Inf. for a term of three years. Mr. Williams served as captain. He participated in the Vicksburg campaign, the Red River Expedition and the capture of Mobile, and was honorably discharged in October, 1865. After the war he served twelve years as postmaster at Carrollton.

He came with his family to Alva in 1895 and lived here many years. He and Mrs. Williams celebrated their Golden Wedding at the Christian church in Alva, Nov. 22, 1905. After the d. of his wife in 1907 he spent the last few years of his life in Colorado. He d. in Salida, Colo., May 15, 1909. They rest side by side in the cemetery at Carrollton, Ill.

Ch. of (II) Geo. L.,—Wife, S. A. Bragg.

III LILLIE, d. in infancy.

IV ELMER, banker, Hardin, Ill.

V HARRY, merchant, Salida, Colo.

VI ADDALINE, deceased.

VII MABEL, b. Carrollton, Ill. June 13, 1874. Educated in the public schools of Carrollton. Came with her parents to Alva, in 1895. m. John A. Renfrew June 1, 1899. Is a member of the Christian church. She has taken special interest in church and Bible school work and has filled the offices of president and secretary of the Woods County S. S. Association. She is a member of the Alva Chapter, O. E. S. She is an accomplished musician and has taught primary methods of music for many years. Later. After two months' illness Mabel passed away on Jan. 7, 1924 and rests in the A. O. U. W. cemetery.

#### Maternal Ancestry of Mabel Williams Renfrew

VIII HENRY BRAGG, b. in Kiel, New Hampshire, 1806 son of a Baptist minister. He graduated in medicine and surgery in New York City. Practiced in a hospital in New Orleans during an epidemic of yellow fever and smallpox, before his marriage. He was twice m. His first wife was mother of his only child, Seraphina Anna, who d. soon after the birth of the child. The second wife was Henrietta Frank, who was of Jewish descent and an accomplished linguist. He practiced his profession in Carrollton, Pana, Shawnee and St. Louis, where he also owned a drug store. Dr. Bragg was first cousin of General Braxton Bragg of the Confederate army, d. in Carlinville, Ill. 1866 and was survived by his wife. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

#### Ch. of (VIII) Henry Bragg, Wife's Name Unknown

IX SERAPHINA ANNA, b. near New Haven, Gallatin Co., Ill. on the banks of the Wabash, May 11, 1840, m. Geo. L. Williams in Carrollton. Nov. 22, 1855. Came with her husband to Alva 1895. She was a member of the Christian church for more than fifty years, and was a charter member of the Alva Christian church. She d. in Alva, March 26, 1907, and was buried at Carrollton.

45. LILLIAN EMMA, b. Oct. 3, 1876, in Mirabile Tp. Educated in the common schools of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Went with the family to Barber County, Kansas, in 1887. Spent a joyous childhood the next three years herding sheep and cattle with her cousins during the spring and summer months. Soon after moving to Oklahoma she became a deputy in the County Treasurer's office during her father's term as treasurer.

On April 28, 1897, she was m. to Dyas Gadbois, the

ceremony being performed by Rev. T. E. Watt, pastor of the Congregational church at Alva. Soon after her marriage her health began to fail and she became a victim of tuberculosis.

In the fall of 1899, with her husband and mother, she made a trip by wagon across the unsettled plains of northwestern Texas and down the Pecos River to Roswell, New Mexico. During the journey, and for some months following her health improved, but later it steadily failed and on May 27, 1900, she passed to her reward. By her request her remains were returned to Oklahoma and on the 29th of May were laid to rest beside those of her Grandmother Renfrew in the cemetery at Alva. She had a fine literary taste and loved Longfellow's Hiawatha and Evangeline and such tender poems as Tennyson's Lullaby and Edwin Gray. She wrote a few poems, a sample of which follows:

**When Father Comes Down on the Pea Vine.**

(Dedicated to Papa Renfrew, with compliments of his girl,  
Lillian Renfrew Gadbois)

When Father comes down on the Pea Vine,  
We're as tickled as tickled could be.  
Mamma goes round the place, with a smile on her face,  
That would do anyone good to see.  
We hunt all the papers and books that are new,  
And hide them securely away,  
For if they should happen to fall on his view,  
We never could tear him away.  
Now Dyas goes down to the store every day,  
And sees all the people that call.  
He talks to the folks, while Brown cracks his jokes,  
And doesn't get lonesome at all.  
So 'tis Mamma, you see, just Mamma and me  
Who are the tickledest.  
When Father comes down on the Pea Vine.  
But when Father goes home on the Pea Vine,  
It doesn't seem funny, one bit,  
For somehow or other, (a worry and bother,)  
We don't seem to get used to it.  
We want him to stay and tell by the day,  
Of brothers and friends left behind.  
Of sisters there too and all that are true.  
Who were always so good and so kind.  
Our sheet anchor, hope, is always in view,  
It keeps us from being so sad,



Page 41. Dyas Gadbois.

(45) Lillian Emma Renfrew  
Gadbois.

Ch. of (32) Emily Jane, \_\_\_\_\_ Husband,  
James W. DeGeer.

47. CORA IDA, b. Dec. 20, 1872, Mirabile Tp. Caldwell Co. Mo. Early school days in the home district school. Moved with the family to Barber County, Kan. in 1886. With her sister and brothers, herded her father's sheep, and went to school for several years. Attended Barber County Teachers' Institute at Medicine Lodge in 1889 and 1890. Taught a term of school near Lake City, Kan. m. May 25, 1893, Luther S. McElwain, a native of West Virginia, farmer and stock raiser. He was born in Sutton, Braxton County, West Virginia, September 25th, 1860. Son of Van B. and Hannah Hickman McElwain. Hannah was first cousin of Bishop William Taylor, famous pioneer preacher of San Francisco, and second cousin of Dr. Andrew T. Still, founder of the Osteopathic method of treating disease. Dr. Still founded a school of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, in 1885. William Hickman, grandfather of Hannah, and Bishop Taylor, married a daughter of Captain James Elliott, a soldier of the American Revolution.

They lived on a ranch east of Deerhead for several years, then located near Nampa, Idaho. They farmed and raised fruit here until 1921, when owing to failing health they moved to National City, California, where (1925) they still reside. The health of the family has been much improved since moving to southern California.

Cora has a fine taste for good literature and is a superior letter writer.

48. BRUCE RENFREW, b. March 16, 1874, at the home in Mirabile Tp., d. there Aug. 17, 1874, buried in Kingston, Mo.
49. EVA MABEL, b. at the home in Mirabile Tp. Oct. 12, 1875. Early school days in Missouri and Barber County, Kan. Herded her father's sheep with the other children for some months. Went to Central Normal College, Great Bend, two years, and to Nickerson College, Nickerson, Kan., where she graduated and received a state certificate. She taught several terms of school in Kansas. She is fond of literature, and has always made her home with her parents and has been a loving and constant companion of her mother. She assisted the author very materially by corresponding with the Garter Principal King of Arms, London, England. Also Edinburgh and Dublin offices, in an endeavor to get something definite as to the origin of Renfrew Coat-of-Arms, but although Eva did her part well, the quest was about as bootless as the search for The Holy Grail.

50. **RENFREW IRVING**, b. at home, Mirabile Tp. Oct. 20, 1877. Early schooling in Missouri and Barber County, herding sheep when out of school. Went to Great Bend Central Normal College two years, but did not graduate. Located on a homestead in Woodward County, Oklahoma (now Woods) in 1898. m. Josie Irene, daughter of Willis James, a Union soldier, and Nancy Rebekah Walker, farmer of Farry, Okla., natives of Illinois, Dec. 9, 1900. ceremony by Rev. W. R. Livingston. She was b. in Jewell Co., Kan. Oct. 27, 1878. For several years he edited and published the Freedom Express and was U. S. Commissioner for that district for some time, and was also a successful farmer and ranchman. He moved to Alva in 1919 to educate his children, and after working for some years as grocery clerk and delivery man he has bought a grocery store and is making a success of it.
51. **VAUGHN EUGENE**, b. at home, Mirabile Tp., Sept. 26, 1879. Attended public schools of Missouri and Kansas. with sisters and brother. also two years in Central Normal College at Great Bend, and in 1903 graduated at Nickerson College, Nickerson, Kan. m. Hazel Race, a graduate of the same institution at Nickerson, April 18, 1906, ceremony performed by Rev. John Archer, a Congregational minister. Hazel, daughter of George Race and Sarah Jane Truelove Race, was b. in Sedgwick, Kan. Nov. 11, 1884. The father b. near Scranton, Pa., June 11, 1847, the mother b. near Mansfield, O., March 16, 1854, both still living (1922). Hazel taught school three years in Reno County, Kan. before her m. Since their m. they have lived on their ranch near Deerhead, Kan. Vaughn is a successful breeder of thoroughbred short horn cattle.
52. **HAROLD**, b. in Mirabile Tp., Jan. 21, 1883, d. May 17, 1883. Buried in Kingston.

**Ch. of (33) Mary Ellen,—Husband,  
Lyman W. DeGeer.**

53. **MURIEL**, b. in Nodaway County, Missouri, July 20, 1876. Came with her parents to Caldwell County the following year. In 1886 went with them to Barber County, Kan. Attended public schools in Missouri and Kansas. With sister and brothers herded her father's cattle on the range near home, when out of school. Graduated in Medicine Lodge High School. Was stenographer in her father's law office and for other Alva attorneys, among them Hon. Jesse J. Dunn, later Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and court stenographer for several terms, until her marriage with Raymond Joseph Hill, Oct. 10, 1900, ceremony performed by R. J.'s uncle, Rev. P. D.

Lahr. R. J. was b. Jan. 18, 1872,—the first white child born in Cowley County, Kansas, outside the city of Winfield. He was a son of William and Mary Montfort Hill, the father a native of Bristol, England, and a Union soldier,, and the mother b. in Buffalo, N. Y.. R. J. is a graduate of Dexter, Kan. High School, and has a degree of Master of Accts. from the S. W. Kansas College at Winfield.

They lived several years in Wichita, Kans., then moved to El Paso Co., Colorado, P. O. Hanover, in 1912, thirty miles southeast of Colorado Springs, and located on state lands. Muriel has been prominent in educational and civic work in her home county. She was Notary Public and held the position as postmaster at Hanover for three years, but they are now (1925), engaged in the mercantile business in Colorado Springs, Colo.

54. MABEL ("Mab") b. in Clinton County, Mo., near Mirabile, April 10, 1878. Attended the public schools of Missouri and Kansas, herded her father's cattle, graduated in the Medicine Lodge High School, came to Woods County with the family immediately after the opening of the Cherokee Strip in 1893. Taught several terms of school in Alva and adjoining districts. Moved with her mother to Wichita, Kan. in 1904. United in m. Oct. 4, 1905, with Rev. Samuel Gardner Welles, b. July 1, 1868, m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, Wichita, Kan. The officiating clerygmen were Bishop Francis Key Brooke of the diocese of Oklahoma, and the Rev. Percy T. Fenn, Rector of St. John's church. Mr. Welles was then Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Cincinnati, Ohio, but had previously been Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at Alva, Okla.

Samuel Gardner Welles is of Welsh-English extraction, tracing his paternal ancestry to Thomas Welles, b. in Dudley, Worcestershire, England, Jan. 10, 1694. He came to Saybrook, Conn., in 1710. Samuel Gardner Welles' grandfather, Gardner Welles, b. in Hebron, Conn., m. Paulina Fuller, b. in eastern New York, a descendant of a Fuller who came over in the Mayflower. Gardner Welles settled in 1808 in New York in the town that was later called Waterloo, and engaged in the practice of medicine there until the day of his death in 1872. He was an army surgeon in the war of 1812.

His son, Edward Gardner Welles, father of Samuel Gardner Welles, was b. in Waterloo, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1830, graduated from Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. and studied for the ministry of the Episcopal Church. He went to Red Wing, Minn. in 1858 and established a parish of that

church. From here he was called to be the Bishop of Wisconsin in 1874. Bishop Welles represented his church at the conference of English and Colonial Bishops held at Lambeth Palace, London, England, in 1878, and again in 1888 he represented his church in conference at the same place. This time he was accompanied by his sons, Edward and Samuel. He spent some days with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace, but most of the time with dear friends, the Pagets, at their country estate, Stiffenwood, on the edge of Sherwood Forest.

Shortly after his return from the conference Bishop Welles d. and was buried from his cathedral in Milwaukee. At the urgent desire of his old parishioners in Red Wing his body was interred just behind the chancel of the beautiful stone church that he built there.

Bishop Welles, in 1861, m. Mary Sprague of Fredonia, N. Y., daughter of Jonathan Sprague, who was b. July 4, 1776, in Smithfield, Rhode Island, and in early life was master of a vessel in the West India trade. He d. on his farm near Fredonia, N. Y. in 1857.

Jonathan's ancestor, William Sprague, was one of the first settlers of Charlestown, Mass., in 1629, and several ancestors were prominent in the colonies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Jonathan married Harriet Dewey of Lebanon, Conn. The Deweys were an old New England family, Admiral George Dewey coming from another branch of the same family. Jonathan's daughter, Mary, Samuel Gardner's mother, was educated in Buffalo, N. Y. and at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J., a very famous school in that day.

Samuel Gardner Welles, born July 1, 1868, Red Wing, Minn. He was educated at Racine Grammar School and College in Wisconsin. He then attended lectures at Oxford University, England, and then studied for the ministry of the Episcopal Church, graduating from the General Theological Seminary of that church in New York City in 1893. His present work: Secretary of the Board of Social Service of the Diocese of New Jersey, being also a Canon of the Cathedral Foundation of that Diocese. His Social Service work consists chiefly in ministrations, as Chaplain, in a number of State and County Institutions in New Jersey, where he ministers to about 2000 people and children in various conditions: prisoners, insane, epileptic, feeble-minded, tubercular, and in hospitals, reform schools, homes for the aged and for children.

Samuel Gardner Welles, who furnished the above closes with the following statement:



"In concluding this recital of the Welles family, I wish to state the Welles of which I am the proudest, was not born a Welles—she was born a DeGeer. And while I am proud to think that the five children which, I've just enumerated, have in them the blood of Welles, Fuller, Sprague, Dewey, and countless others of that strain, I am prouder still to realize that the French wit and courtesy and "gray matter" of the DeGeers, and the sturdy, sterling rugged honesty and balance of the Renfrews, Johnsons, MacGowans and others of that strain are in their blood also."

5. DAHL GARFIELD, b. on Grandfather Johnson's farm near Mirabile, Mo., March 4, 1880. Attended schools of Barber Co., Kansas. and Alva, Okla. Herded cattle in Kansas. m. Feb. 20, 1898, in Alva, Lillian Snyder, b. Nov. 20, 1881, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Snyder of Alva, Ceremony performed by Rev. Oyer. For many years Dahl was Railway Express messenger from Kansas City to Denver and Denison, Texas. Farmer and stockman, shipper; farmed in Missouri, Oklahoma and New Mexico, near Artesia. Now (1925) at Strong City, Okla.

56. FREDERICK, b. at Johnson farm Oct. 25, 1882, d. Jan. 17, 1884. Buried at Mirabile.

ERNEST R., b. at Johnson farm May 24, 1885. Moved with family to Barber County, Kan. Good education in schools of Medicine Lodge and Alva. m. Frances McKeehan Oct. 20, 1907, in Kansas City, b. Oct. 5, 1884. Worked several years in Kansas City as billing clerk for Proctor & Gamble. Went to El Paso County, Colorado, about 1914, took up land and engaged in farming and stockraising. Now in Colorado Springs, Colo.

58. FRANK JOHNSON, b. Barber County, Kan. July 26, 1887. Educated in public schools of Medicine Lodge and Alva. m. Pearl Edith Trotter, daughter of Andrew Jackson and Nancy Jane Ritchey Trotter, of Barber County, May 1, 1907, at the Trotter ranch, 7 miles South of Lake City, Kansas, by Rev. Frank C. Ward, pastor of the Baptist Church at Medicine Lodge. Pearl Edith was b. Nov. 4, 1885, at Wellington, Kan. She is a graduate of the Medicine Lodge High School. Frank has been for many years the leading barber of Medicine Lodge. Her father was a native of Michigan City, Ind. and her mother of Carrollton, Ill.

59. EDGAR, b. Nov. 1, 1889, Barber County, Kan. Educated in public schools of Alva. Worked for Wells Fargo & Co. Express for several years. m. Winnie Cook May 27, 1918, Wichita, Kan. by Rev. Hubert C. Herring, Congregational

minister. Winnie, daughter of Benjamin and Emma Canfield Cook, was b. June 2, 1899. They located on a claim in El Paso County, Colo., in 1920, and are farming.

**Ch. of (34) HESSIE LOU,—Husband  
Anthony T. Nuce.**

60. **HARRY RENFREW**, b. near Capron, Okla., Nov. 27, 1897. Educated in public schools of Woods County and in High School at Fountain, Colo., where he graduated. Telegrapher in employ of Santa Fe for years at stations between La Junta and Denver. m. Ella Rosena Simmons at Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 3, 1919. She was b. at Brownwood, Tex. Feb. 2, 1897. Her parents were Thomas J. Simmons of Alabama, and her mother, Nora McBurney, b. and raised in Texas, m. in Zephyr, Tex., May, 1895, and came to Colorado in 1912. They are of Scotch-Irish descent. Ella is also a telegrapher. He is now (1925), stationed at Colorado Springs, and has been appointed second lieutenant Q. M. Corps Y. M. C. A. Officers Reserve Corps.
61. **ALICE AGNES**, b. near Capron, Okla., Oct. 1, 1900. Educated in public schools of Woods County, attending High School in Fountain, Colo., where she graduated. At home several years afterward, and later employed in Beth El Hospital in Colorado Springs. She was m. in Colorado Springs, Dec. 24, 1922, to Reuben P. Hahn, of Fountain Colo. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Luce of Colorado City. Reuben was b. in Medicine Lodge, Kan., July 14, 1892. Grew up in Woods Co., Okla., near Alva. Is printer and rancher. Reuben Parker Hahn is son of Royal Hastings Hahn of German-Scotch descent and Mary Alvina Parker Hahn of English ancestry.

**Ch. of (42) Rufus Oakley,—Wife, Stella Long**

62. **EDITH LILLIAN**, b. April 21, 1900, in Alva, Okla. Educated in public schools of Woodward and graduate of Woodward High School. Attended a year at Hardin College in Mexico, Mo., m. at home to Harold LeRoy Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Street of Woodward, April 20, 1919. He was b. July 10, 1899, and is a graduate of Woodward High School. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, of the P. E. O., D. A. R., the Elks Club and Bridge Whist Club.

**Sketch of Ancestry of Harold L. Street,  
Husband of Edith Lillian Renfrew**

**The Ball Line.**

**I JAMES BALL**, b. in Cabell Co. W. Va., Sept. 18, 1822  
m. Virginia Caroline Walker in Wayne Co. W. Va.

3, 1840. She was b. in Cabell Co., W. Va., March 27, 1824. He was converted and became a member of the United Baptist Church, Feb. 1847 and was ordained to the ministry Dec. 1866. James d. in Jasper Co., Mo., Nov. 7, 1905, and his wife d. in Bernice, Okla., March 17, 1914. The Balls were related to George Washington through his mother, and were of English descent. They had land in the heart of Philadelphia and claims against the French government, but were not able to realize.

One of the grandmothers of (I) James Ball was a full blood Cherokee Indian—Sarah J. Mountz, b. in North Carolina. The ancestor who married the Cherokee maiden was named Ball. He had another grandmother named Wilson.

#### Ch. (I) James,—Wife, Virginia Caroline Walker.

Twelve children were born to James and Virginia, seven of whom are now (1923) living, the eldest:

II FRANCES GORDON, b. 1841.

III VIRGINIA C., the eighth child was b. May 8, 1860. She m. J. W. Street, Feb. 14, 1875. Two sons were b. to this m., Luther Oliver and William Reuben. The m. proved unfortunate and they were divorced in September, 1877. (The sketch of Luther Oliver and William Reuben found with the Street line). Mrs. Virginia C. Street m. C. Hayner and to this union a daughter, Madge, was b.

IV MADGE, b. 1883.

#### The Walker Line, Ancestry of Virginia Caroline Walker Ball.

V DR. WALKER, b. 1800, d. 1836.

#### His Children

VI Dr. Urban Walker, who moved to Texas in an early day.

VII VIRGINIA CAROLINE, b. 1824, m. James Ball (1) April 3, 1840. They had twelve children, two of whom are mentioned in the Ball line. Two uncles on Grandma Ball's side, named Ferguson of Texas, were colonels in the Confederate army. They were wealthy, as were also the Walkers.

#### The Street Line

VIII J. W. STREET, b. July 8, 1845, is the first of the name of whom we have a definite history. During the Civil War he enlisted at Indianapolis, Ind in Co. I, 5th Ind. Cav. serving throughout the war and receiving an honorable discharge. On Feb. 14, 1875, he m. Virginia C. Ball

and to them were born two sons, Luther Oliver and William Reuben. Through incompatibility of temper J. W. Street and wife became divorced in Sept. 1877. In 1891 J. W. m. Rebecca Ellen Hawley. He d. in Denver, Colo., Dec., 1922.

**Ch. of (VIII) J. W. Street and First Wife,  
Virginia C. Ball (III)**

IX LUTHER OLIVER, b. on ranch near Fall River, Kan. April 8, 1876. United in m. Sept. 14, 1898, with Lilla May Brown, b. Aug. 22, 1877, L. O. is a successful rancher and stockman of Woodward, Okla. Also grain and elevator man, President Oklahoma Grain Dealers' Association, (1925).

X WILLIAM REUBEN, b. 1878.

**Ch. of (VIII) J. W. Street and Second Wife,  
Rebecca Ellen Hawley**

XI JOHN RUFUS, b. Dec. 2, 1893, Greenwood County, Kan. m. Fay Elizabeth Bailey, Nov. 13, 1920. She was b. Jan. 31, 1899.

XII CLARA ISABEL, b. March 4, 1895.

XIII and XIV, Twins: ARCHIE RAY, and DELLA MAY, b. Nov. 24, 1897.

XV ELBERT WESLEY, b. May 3, 1899,

All of the above b. in Greenwood County, Kansas.

**Ch. of (IX) Luther O. Street, Wife  
Lilla May Brown**

XVI HAROLD LEROY, b. Severy, Kans. July 10, 1899. Graduate Woodward High School. On April 20, 1919, m. (62) Edith Lillian, daughter of (42) R. O. and Stella T. Renfrew of Woodward. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fred O. Semans. He is associated with his father, L. O., in the stock and grain business. He is a member of the Masonic Order, the Blue Lodge of Woodward, the Consistory at Guthrie, and the Shrine, India Temple, Oklahoma City. He is at present Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge at Woodward, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Their children (99) Harold LeRoy and (100) Helen Renfrew, are found in the Renfrew line.

**Ch. of (XI) John Rufus, Wife  
Fay Elizabeth Bailey**

XVII NINA MAE STREET, b. May 4, 1922.

**The Brown Line, Ancestry of Lilla  
May Street.**

XVIII WM. RANDALL BROWN, m. Mary Ann Butler,  
parents of

XIX JOSEPH W. BROWN, b. March 24, 1845, Malone  
N. Y., d. March 9, 1889. m. Rebecca Clark in 1870. She  
was b. April 8, 1856, Sparta, Tenn. To this union was b.  
nine children, one

XX LILLA MAY, b. Aug. 22, 1877, on a farm where  
the town of Chicopee, Kan. now stands. m. (IX) Luther  
Oliver Street, Sept. 14, 1898.

XXI WALTER.

XXII OTTIE LUCILLE.

XXIII JAMES CLARK, m. Mary Jones, parents of

XXIV REBECCA CLARK, b. April 8, 1856. m. J. W.  
Brown 1870.

Ch. of (44) John Alden, wife  
Mabel Williams

63. CLARA LOUISE, b. in Alva, April 22, 1902. Attended  
public schools and High School at Alva. Took one year  
in Lindenwood College, at St. Charles, Mo. Graduated in  
High School in Canon City, Colorado, in 1921. Took sum-  
mer term in Colorado State Normal at Gunnison. She  
received a full life certificate from the Normal Depart-  
ment of the Northwestern State Teachers' College at Al-  
va, class of 1923. She is an active member of the Pi Ka-  
pa Sigma Sorority and of the Saturday Night Club.

She taught a year in the primary department of the  
Woodward public schools, 1923-24, and on the second  
year until the holiday vacation, when she resigned to take  
charge of her home. She was m. Nov. 5, 1924, at home,  
to Mr. Fred King, of Alva, the ceremony being performed  
by Rev. Dewey Whitwell.

Fred King, son of James Monroe and Mary Trimble  
King, was b. April 10, 1888 at Lead Hill, Ark., the young-  
est of nine children. His mother died in 1906 and his fath-  
er in 1917. His sisters and brothers, all of whom were b.  
in Lead Hill, Ark., are as follows:

CASSANDRA.

WILLIAM R.

JAMES.

MAY, deceased

LEE, deceased

HENRY CLAY, Branson, Mo.

ETHEL, Berkley, Calif.

Fred spent his childhood in Harrison, Ark., graduat-  
ing from the Harrison High School in 1906. Later he at-  
tended the Gem Business College, Quincy, Ill., graduating

Nov. 22, 1909. He then attended De Paul University of Chicago for 2 years. With this excellent commercial foundation, he began his career as court reporter. He was reporter for several years in Arkansas, later coming to Oklahoma where he reported for about ten years. He then went to Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., to finish his law course. He there received his Bachelor of Oratory degree and also his L. L. B. in 1924. He is a member of Kappa Delta Sigma Honorary professional fraternity. After finishing his course, he returned to Oklahoma, passed the bar examination and began the practice of law with Judge R. M. Chase in Alva, under the firm name of Chase & King, Lawyers.

64. PAUL ALDEN, b. in Alva, May 5, 1905, d. July 31, 1905. Buried in A. O. U. W. cemetery at Alva.

Ch. of (47) Cora Ida DeGeer, Husband,  
L. S. McElwain.

65. BRUCE DEGEER, b. in Barber County, Kan. April 21, 1894. Attended public schools in Kansas and Idaho. He helped his father in farming and fruit raising near Nampa, Idaho. Was in training in Camp Lewis near Tacoma, Wash., during the World War. Graduate of Idaho College at Caldwell, a Presbyterian school (1923). He is specializing in science at Walla Walla, Wash.

66. VAN WINTERSTEIN, b. in Barber County, Kan., Sept 18, 1898. Attended public schools of Kansas and Idaho. Had poor health and did not undertake hard study. He took some work in Idaho College, but did not graduate. He is living with his parents in National City, Calif.

Ch. of (50) Renfrew Irving, Wife Josie  
Irene James.

Children were all b. on farm near Farry, Okla.

67. CHRISTIE AUDREY, b. Oct. 16, 1901. Attended public schools of Woods County and graduate of Alva High School and Northwestern State Teachers' College, Normal Department, 1923. She is a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.
68. THELMA EVELYN, b. June 4, 1904. Attended public schools and graduate of Alva High School and Northwestern State Teachers' College, Alva. She is a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and the Saturday Night Club.
69. FRED ELMA, b. Aug. 24, 1906. Graduate Alva High School.
70. OPAL LEOLA, b. Sept. 5, 1908. Attending Alva High School 1925.

71. EVA, b. Dec. 27, 1910, d. Feb. 6, 1911. Buried in cemetery near Farry.
72. ROY IVAN, b. Nov. 15, 1912. Attending Alva public schools (1923).
73. IVA MAXINE, b. Jan. 11, 1911. Attending Alva public schools.

**Ch. of (51) Vaughn Eugene, Wife, Hazel Race.**

74. V. EUGENE, Jr., b. near Deerhead, Kan. Nov. 1, 1910. In the seventh grade Deerhead public schools (1923)
75. MYRON W., b. near Deerhead, Kan., June 2, 1912. In seventh grade Deerhead public schools (1923).

**Ch. of (53) Muriel DeGeer, Husband,  
Raymond J. Hill.**

76. MARY LOUISE, b. in Wichita, Kan., July 15, 1901. She graduated from the Manitou, Colo., High School, 1923, and entered the State University of Colorado at Boulder the following year.
77. HELEN HUDSON, b. Wichita, Kan., May 7, 1904. She is also a graduate, with her sister, Mary Louise, from the Manitou High School, 1923, and entered the Colorado State University at the same time.
78. RAYMOND JOSEPH, JR., b. Wichita, Kan., Feb. 21, 1910.
79. LYMAN DEGEER, b. Feb. 9, 1912.

**Ch. of (54) Mabel DeGeer, Husband,  
Samuel G. Welles.**

80. EDWARD RANDOLPH, b. April 20, 1907. He is a graduate of Kent School, Kent, Conn., and is now a student at Princeton.
81. MARY PAULINE, b. June 10, 1909.
82. SAMUEL GARDNER, JR., b. June 25, 1913.
83. MABEL DEGEER, b. June 14, 1915.
84. MURIEL RENFREW, b. Trenton, N. J. Nov. 27, 1921.

**Ch. of (55) Dahl DeGeer, Wife Lillian Snyder**

85. GEORGE EVERETT, adopted son, b. June 4, 1911.

**Ch. of (57) Ernest R., Wife, Francis  
McKeehan.**

86. LYMAN WILLIAM, b. Dec. 9, 1909.
87. ERNEST RALPH, b. Dec. 12, 1910.
88. HATTIE ELEANOR, b. Nov. 1, 1913.
89. STANLEY LEE, b. Aug. 15, 1916.
90. FRANK JAMES, b. March 22, 1920.

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Ch. of (58) Frank Johnson, Wife, Pearl  
Edith Trotter.

1. LLOYD WINTERSTEIN, b. March 24, 1908 at Lasswell,  
Kan.

2. EUNICE NANNIE, b. March 13, 1910, at Lake City, Kan.

3. EULA EDITH, b. Jan. 4, 1914, at Medicine Lodge.

4. CHRIS WILLERS, b. May 25, 1921, at Medicine Lodge.

Ch. of (59) Edgar, Wife, Winnie Cook.

5. ROBERT COOK, b. on a ranch 30 miles southeast Colo-  
rado Springs, Colo., Feb. 20, 1925.

Ch. of (60) Harry R. Nuce, Wife, Ella Simmons

6. HARRY RENFREW, JR., b. in Quesida, Colo., Feb. 17,  
1920. When nine months old, Nov. 9, 1920, he took first  
prize at the Baby Show at Beth El Hospital, Colorado  
Springs, Colo., as most perfect boy in El Paso, County,  
score 98. Prize, a silver cup with name engraved.

7. BARBARA LEE, b. Littleton, Colo. April 26, 1923.

Ch. of (61) Alice Agnes Nuce, Husband,  
Reuben P. Hahn.

8. JOHN HASTINGS, b. near Fountain, Colo. Dec. 9, 1923.

Ch. (62) Edith Lillian Renfrew, Husband,  
Harold LeRoy Street.

9. HAROLD LEROY, JR., "Jack," b. in Woodward, Okla.,  
Feb. 5, 1920.

10. HELEN RENFREW, b. in Woodward, Oct. 18, 1921.

### MCGOWAN LINE—RENFREW FAMILY

- 101 ALEXANDER MCGOWAN, b in Ireland, about 1760. I  
have but little data on the history of the McGowan family,  
From a fragmentary letter, dated Aug. 8, 1815, Evesham,  
now Marlton, New Jersey, and addressed to Mrs. Mar-  
garet McGowan, Coshocton, Ohio, we learn that she was  
the wife of Alexander McGowan, and was also a native  
of Ireland. The name of the writer is torn off, but the  
letter was evidently written by a son as it is addressed  
"My Dear Mother." It alludes to the accidental death of  
the father, a Baptist preacher from Jersey, which occur-  
ed while he, with his family, was on their journey to the  
new home in Ohio, and was caused by the wagon over-  
turning and falling upon him. This occurred near Pitt-  
sburg, Pa., June 7, 1815, and he d. on the following day.

Rev. Samuel G. Welles, husband of Mabel DeGeer,  
(54), who has lived in Trenton, N. J. for many years, has  
traced the ministerial labors of Rev. Alexander McGowan



for a period of twenty years from Baptist church records in the vicinity of Trenton.

The following extracts from a history of Burlington, County, N. J. by Woodward and Hageman, Philadelphia, 1883, have been kindly furnished us by Rev. S. G. Welles:

"History of Mercer and Burlington Counties by Woodward and Hageman, published by Everts and Peck, Philadelphia, 1883.

"In the history of Mt. Holly, Burlington Co., page 193.

"Alexander McGowan was a native of Ireland. He became a Baptist while preparing to meet the Rev. Peter Wilson, whom he challenged to public debate in Trenton. The public heard no controversy but witnessed a baptism and the Presbyterian Church in Trenton lost its pastor. Soon after, he settled at New Mills, now Pemberton, and in 1795 we find him alternating between that place and Mt. Holly. To his untiring zeal, with the blessing of God, the church in Mt. Holly owes her origin. At no time does he seem to be regular pastor at Mt. Holly, but for 13 years after the constitution of the church he had practically the oversight of her affairs. In 1805 fifty-five members were dismissed from Mt. Holly to form the Church at Evesham (now Marlton, Evesham township) and to this church Mr. McGowan went from Pemberton as pastor, continuing however, to supply 'as often as convenient', the church at Mt. Holly, for which service he was to receive the indefinite remuneration of 'what the church pleases.' (Evidently the author of this article is quoting from some church records).

Account of Marlton Baptist church, Evesham township, Page 319.

"The church having been raised up through the instrumentality of the Rev. Alexander McGowan, he was called to be their pastor. He moved to the vicinity of the church and he and his wife united with the church by letter June 15, 1803. He continued his faithful and devoted labours with the church until some time in 1815, and baptized 41 into the fellowship of the church, in addition to those he had baptized in the vicinity previous to the organization of the church. In the midst of many difficulties and much opposition he was faithful to his calling and left a good record of his self-denying labours. After he closed his labours with the church he moved to the West and it was reported that he died of injuries received by an accident on the way."

The independent record of Mt. Holly church, quoted in the first record, closes its account of Mr. McGowan:

"In 1815 Mr. McGowan, the spiritual father and staunch friend of the church left this state for Ohio, and was accidentally killed by the over-turning of his wagon on the journey. This faithful servant of God was a man of unusual ability and great piety. He was very successful at winning souls at Pemberton, Marlton and Mt. Holly. At the latter place he baptized 119. His death was commemorated in an obituary notice on the minutes of the Association, a distinction then unusual."

Account of the Baptist Church at Pemberton, Burlington Co. page 403:

"Rev. Alexander McGowan had been a member at Hightstown and was ordained probably over a little church at Penn's Manor, nearly opposite Trenton. He is described as a man of more than ordinary ability, evangelical, humble and devoted. He became pastor in 1798 and remained 7 years being very successful. He immersed 110. From here he went to Marlton (then Evesham) church, and afterwards emigrating to Ohio, died from injuries received by an accident on the journey. In 1802 fifty-two members were dismissed to form the Mt. Holly Baptist church, the eldest daughter of the Pemberton church."

Minutes of the New Jersey Baptist Association held by appointment at Salem. N. J., September 19th and 20th, A. D. 1815.

"Item 28. We have the melancholy duty of announcing the death of our ministering brethren, Alexander McGowan and Benjm. Hedger, who associated with us last session, but we trust have gone to join the Association above."

#### Corresponding Letter

(This letter is placed at the close of the Minutes of the Association).

"Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

We once more address you in our corresponding epistle, but it is under very peculiar and affecting circumstances. It has been our custom to appoint a person, at one session, to write the corresponding letter, for the succeeding Association. Agreeably to this practice we, last year, appointed our Brother McGowan to this duty. Subsequently, he came to the resolution of removing out of this state, to that of Ohio; but, as a faithful servant, he was unwilling to leave the duty assigned him unaccomplished. He, therefore, wrote the letter, and left it with a brother to present to the association in his name. Agreeably to his design, in the month of May last, he departed

with his family for Ohio. Everything promised a prosperous journey, but alas, how sad the reverse! When within about one hundred miles of the place of his destination, the wagon over-turned, by which Brother McGowan was so much injured, that after 28 hours of anguish, on the 8th of June he expired, leaving his disconsolate wife and four children, strangers in a wilderness. Mysterious are the ways of providence, but it becomes short sighted mortals to submit, knowing that all His dispensations are just and righteous. We now present you the letter, perhaps the last Brother McGowan ever wrote! It is an interesting reflection, that whilst we peruse the letter which he expected the writer to deliver in person, he, united with the spirits of just men made perfect in heaven, is beholding the open face, his glorified Lord, without a veil between. Or, solemn thought! perhaps invisibly attendant upon the transactions of this Association. May the perusal of the letter as sensibly affect you, as it has affected us."

"The New Jersey Baptist Association, held at Salem N. J. Sept. 19th and 20th, 1815—To the several Associations, corresponding with us, sendeth Christian Salutation. Beloved Brethren:

By the pleasure of our God, we have been indulged to meet in an associated capacity, to deliberate on the concerns of the kingdom of our Lord, and the interests of Zion. For the state of our churches and result of our Councils, we refer you to our Minutes and proceed to drop a few thoughts upon mental religion, or true devotion to God. This, simply considered in itself, is an intercourse between God and us, between that incomprehensible Spirit which created and preserves the universe, and that particular spirit with which he hath furnished the bodies of all His saints. It is an act in which the soul divests itself as much as possible of external objects, enters the mansions of it's God, and pours forth all its wants, wishes, hopes, fears, guilt of pleasure, into the bosom of it's Almighty Friend; it is that plant which owes not its origin to the gross soil of the earth; but descends from God, and returns to him again, perhaps 'resembling the immortal flower which once in paradise grew by the tree of life; but for man's offense, to heaven it fled; where it first grew, there grows.

"We hear but little of this celestial plant as it makes no noise in the circle of the learned or of the opulent; nor will many of its lofty professors suffer it to breathe under a pressure of worldly care, and the still more ponderous weight of vanity, ambition, pleasure and avarice, which

tend to extinguish the divine flame, and which constitutes but too much the god of mortals. Writers have been for ages and us only with shadows of this piety; instead of giving soul and substance. Superstition has placed it in ceremonies, austerities, pilgrimages, august tales, splendid imagery. Enthusiasm has swelled with conceptions, and imposed a spurious brood upon instead of this offspring of reason and truth; the warm have rested in a forward duties, and as they spring heart, never the temple of the Most High. True piety is of a different and more animated nature; it looks up to God—sees, hears, feels him in every event—in every vicissitude, in all places, at all seasons, and upon all occasions; it is heaven transplanted into the human breast.

"That man is capable of such an intercourse with his Maker, there are living witnesses to prove, without having recourse to the visions of fanatics, or the dreams of enthusiasts; for God communicates himself in a manner as invisible to the human eye as the falling of the morning dews, though not less refreshing to the powers of the mind, than the former is to vegetation. David felt the regaling influence, when he longed for God as the hart panteth for the water brooks; Paul, when he glorified in tribulations; Stephen, when he prayed for his murderers. Martyrs were supported by it, when sawn asunder, and when in the flames—Brethren we suggest these thoughts, not to instruct, but to put you in mind; for we are persuaded ye know these things. But as this subject is too disproportionate to the limits of a corresponding address we close, wishing you every blessing in the Lord, and remain your brethren in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel."

Rev. Alexander was author of a book, "Dialogue of Devils" a supposed debate on biblical subjects. An incomplete copy of this book was found by (32) Emily J. DeGeer's children in a house on her farm in Barber Co. Kan. that had formerly been occupied by a tenant. The book was found about 1888 and (13) John Renfrew, who has seen the book, when a boy, pronounced it Rev. Alexander's work.

102. **MARGARET**, wife of Rev. Alexander McGowan. I know nothing of her maiden name or dates of b. or m., only that both events occurred in Ireland. The letter from her son, Wilson, from Evesham (now Marlton) N. J., August 8, 1815, concerning his father's death shows that she

was then living in Coshocton, Ohio. Letters of (1) James Renfrew speak in the highest terms of Mrs. Margaret McGowan. Nothing of her subsequent life or the date of her death are known, but she, no doubt, rests in Oak Ridge cemetery, Coshocton, where some of her children and grandchildren are buried.

**Ch. of (101) Rev. Alexander McGowan,  
Wife, (102) Margaret.**

103. WILSON, b. in Ireland, 1786. He has honorable mention in a history of Coshocton County. An old tombstone in Oak Ridge cemetery, Coshocton, records that Wilson McGowan d. May 24, 1844, in his 58th year. Blessed art thou, O Lord! and right in thy judgments." Another old sandstone has nothing that can be deciphered but the name "Keziah H. McGowan," probably Wilson's wife. Another stone had only, "Little Ellen."

The following are extracts from Wilson's letter to his mother, dated Evesham, Aug. 8, 1815, in answer to her letter announcing his father's death: "On Thursday last, I received your letter of the 3rd ult. bringing the unhappy intelligence of the death of my dear father. This is indeed distressing to us, as also to all his numerous friends here. We had a rumor of it the day previous to your letter. We judged it so from Alex's letter to John Donell, Jr., as also from a traveller, who told us that a Baptist minister from Jersey was killed by his wagon falling on him. I have written Alex two letters of the 24th and 31st ult. \*\*\*\* The loss is severe to us, but more especially so to you. I trust that the same God that supported you from Europe to America will still support you in that country and I cannot help thinking under such trying circumstances you are better off there than here, but I still wish that it had been God's will to have taken him while here. \*\*\*\* I wish Nancy to remember that she has the use of her pen and to use it nimbly in communicating with us. \*\*\*\*."

104. ALEXANDER, JR., probably b. in Ireland, date unknown. Old tombstone in Oak Ridge cemetery, Coshocton, reports "Mary, wife of Alexander McGowan, who departed this life May 4, 1825, aged 27 years." Alexander was clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1840. As clerk he issued the certificate of naturalization to (118) Robert Johnson, my maternal grandfather, May 4, 1840, and the original certificate is still (1923) in my possession. I have no record of the date or place of his death.

105. ANN (or Nancy, as she was called), b. near Cape May,

N. J., according to a tradition in the family, July 23, 1794, but according to the Baptist church records of Evesham, Mt. Holly, etc. Rev. Alexander McGowan had located at Trenton as early as 1790. She moved with the family from Evesham, now Marlton, to Coshocton, Ohio, in May and June, 1815. Her father's tragic death occurred on this journey as told on a former page.

A letter dated at Bacon's Neck, N. J., New Year's Eve, 1814, written to Ann McGowan by Isabell Jane describes several sleigh rides by the boys and girls of Bacon's Neck to Greenwich, Lovell's Hill, Bridgton, and other towns of Cumberland County, indicating that Ann was well acquainted with that vicinity. The letter speaks of Captain Jones and other soldiers (of 1812) who were with the party, and other neighborhood gossip, and closes with, "Oh! I want to see you and tell you all I know, but mind and burn this, be sure and never let it be seen. There is too much for any one to see but yourself." There was nothing but harmless, girlish fun in the letter, but it is still being read more than a century later.

Ann m. James Renfrew (6) Jan. 18, 1816, at Coshocton and they soon afterward moved to Mansfield and located on the farm near that city. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She d. Feb. 25, 1844, and her remains now rest in the cemetery at Mansfield.

106. MRS. CHANCE was a sister of Ann McGowan Renfrew and had a son Wilson. I have as yet no records in regard to her or her children.

Ch. of (104) Alexander, Jr., Wife, Mary.

107. WILSON, d. July 16, 1824, aged 8 years and 2 months  
108. MARY ELLEN, d. August 3, 1824, aged 11 months and 21 days.

These from old tombstones in Oak Ridge cemetery Coshocton.

Ch. of (106) Mrs. Chance, Husband —

109. WILSON and his cousin, John Renfrew (13) were boys together. The last report concerning him was that he had gone to Old Mexico while still a young man.  
110. ISABEL, wife of John Nail, lived most of her life Mansfield, O. She was an expert dressmaker and sea stress.

### JOHNSON LINE OF RENFREW FAMILY

The Johnson line of the Renfrew family was also Scotch-Irish ancestry, and tradition says the family came from Scotland to the north of Ireland in the early part of the 18th century.

111. **WILLIAM**, b in Ireland, probably in County Monaghan, Nov. 10, 1759. He married (1) Catherine, family unknown, in Ireland, about 1781 or 1782. She was the mother of his children, all of whom were b. in Ireland. He came with his family to America in 1808 and settled on Wills Creek in Coshocton County, Ohio, near Plainfield.

After the d. of his wife in 1821 he m. (2) Sarah, family name unknown, who d. in 1829. After her death he made his home with the family of his son Robert, and d. there, Sept. 7, 1840. He and his two wives are buried in the cemetery at Jacobsport. By occupation he was a weaver.

112. **CATHERINE**, b. in Ireland in 1757, m. William (111) about 1781 or '82. Came to America with the family in 1808 and d. Oct. 9, 1821.

113. **SARAH**, b. 1779, second wife of William (111) date of m. unknown, and d. Sept. 15, 1829. Her step-children said that she was a good mother to them.

**Ch. of (111) William, Wife, Catherine**

114. **THOMAS**, b. in Ireland, Feb. 16, 1783, came to America from Dublin, probably some years before the rest of the family. He settled at Plainfield, N. J., where he m. Sarah Parker. He then came to Coshocton County, Ohio, and located near Plainfield, which he named, and here his father's family followed him. He was a successful business man, was County Judge for many years, and was a very influential citizen. He donated a fine tract of land for the Jacobsport or East Plainfield cemetery. d. August 20, 1840.

115. **RICHARD**, b. in Ireland, April 4, 1786. Came to America with the family. He m., but I have no data in regard to his wife. He was a soldier of 1812 and d. Nov. 4, 1813, leaving one child. He was buried in the Jacobsport cemetery.

116. **MARGARET**, or "Peggv," b. in Ireland in 1789. Came to America with the family. m. Elijah Nelson and they moved to Missouri, and located eight miles north of Carthage. She d. here January, 1858, and was buried on the farm. The battle of Carthage fought July 5, 1861, between Union and Confederate troops, began at this place and seven Confederates who fell here were buried in the Nelson family burial ground. I have no record of the d. of Elijah Nelson.

117. **WILLIAM**, b. in Ireland, 1795. Came to America with the family and located near Plainfield. He was also a soldier of 1812. He m. Eleanor Lewis (b. 1792) and d.

Feb. 7, 1825. He was buried at Jacobsport. Eleanor Lewis Johnson afterwards m. William Renfrew (7). Eleanor was a noble woman and was greatly beloved by the families of both of her husbands. She died in 1877 and is buried beside her first husband at Jacobsport. She was related to Captain Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

118. **ROBERT**, b. in County Monaghan, Ireland, June 16, 1798. Came to America with the family when 10 years of age. It took nine weeks to make the voyage across the Atlantic. He located on a sandy farm on Wills Creek, Linton Tp., Coshocton Co., and on Oct. 31, 1819, "Hallow Eve," he was m. to Miss Jane Stevenson, b. May 25, 1793, in County Donegal, Ireland. They were m. near Plainfield, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Thomas Morris, afterwards a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church.

A pleasant story is told in regard to their first acquaintance. The family of Judge Thomas Johnson, Robert's brother, was in need of a girl to do general house work. Rev. Charles Elliott, then a young circuit rider, but afterwards D. D., L. L. D. and Civil War editor of the *Central Christian Advocate* in St. Louis, was a frequent caller, at the Johnson home. He was asked if he knew of a good girl on his circuit, who wanted work. He referred them to Jane Stevenson, two of whose sisters had married brothers of his, whom he recommended as a girl of industrial habits. Judge Johnson sent for her and it was at their home that Robert met the young Irish girl who afterward became his wife. With a noted Methodist editor to bring them together and a Methodist bishop to marry them, it is not surprising that they remained loyal Methodists throughout their lives.

The children all grew up on the Wills Creek farm. In the spring of 1855, having sold his farm, Robert, with his family, moved by wagon to Caldwell County, Missouri and bought a farm two miles west of Mirabile. The heavier household goods were shipped by steamboat down to Ohio and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to Camden, Ray County, 35 miles from the new home. This was their home until the death of the wife 17 years later. Before leaving Ohio they took a little Plainfield girl, Barbara Ellen Dayton, to raise. She remained with the family until her m. in August, 1865, to Corp. H. H. Musser, Civil War soldier, of Harrison County. She d. in Davis City, Iowa, in 1917, and he died in the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, Kan. In 1858 they took a Plainfield boy, Parker Platt, into their home. He served a year in the



Union Army, and later m. Maggie L. Zener, of Mirabile. They raised a family in Caldwell County and he d. in Cameron, Oct. 14, 1913. Robert survived his wife nearly 15 years and d. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Boyd in Coshocton County, Ohio, April 28, 1887. The remains were shipped to Missouri and laid to rest by those of his wife in the cemetery at Kingston. Robert Johnson was a man of the highest character and throughout his four score and ten years "bore without abuse the grand old name of gentleman."

**Ch. of (114) Thomas, Wife, Sarah Parker.**

Probably not arranged according to age. Few dates obtainable.

119. JOHN M., b. 1807, Coshocton County, O. near Plainfield. m. a lady who was a native of the island of Guernsey. Raised a large family of children in Ohio and moved to Missouri about 1880 and located on a farm in Caldwell County, south of Kidder. He d. there about 1890. He was of a sunny disposition and never had an enemy.  
A son, Crosby, served in the Union Army, was a prominent lawyer of Caldwell Co., buried at Hamilton.
120. WILLIAM, b. 1809 near Plainfield and d. May 6, 1810. He was the first one buried in the Jacobsport cemetery.
121. THOMAS, b. near Plainfield.
122. CATHERINE, b. near Plainfield. m. David Cook. Raised a family.
123. JOSEPH B., b. Feb. 12, 1818, near Plainfield. Raised a family.
124. JAMES R., b. near Plainfield. Served in the Union Army. Raised a family.
125. ROBERT, b. near Plainfield.
126. ROBINSON or JAKE, b. near Plainfield. Bought the farm of John Renfrew (13) Benton County, Iowa, 1854, birthplace of James P. (31) and Emily J. (32). Jake served in the Union Army and was m.
127. JANE, b. near Plainfield, m. Rev. Henry Whiteman.
128. SARAH, b. near Plainfield, m. Rev. Isaac Baird. who performed the m. ceremony for John Renfrew (13) and Hester Jane Johnson (141).

**Ch. of (115) Richard, Wife Unknown**

129. CATHERINE, "Katy," b. Plainfield, 1813, m. J. D. Workman, raised a family. The eldest son, Willis, entered the Union Army, rose to the rank of Captain and was killed at Kenesaw Mountain, June, 1864. She d. June 29, 1892.

**Ch. of (116) Margaret, Husband, Elijah Nelson**

130. THOMAS, b. 1833. Raised near Carthage Missouri. His house was one of the few houses in Jasper County not destroyed by the contending forces during the Civil War.
131. A DAUGHTER who left a family, raised in Jasper County.

**Ch. of (117) William, Wife, Eleanor Lewis.**

132. LEVI, b. near Plainfield, m. Margaret Renfrew (12) Oct. 14, 1844. Moved to Benton County, Iowa, in 1846. His wife d. there June 3, 1848. He m. again and raised a family.
133. RICHARD, b. near Plainfield, May 7, 1824, d. here April 17, 1846 and is buried at Jacobsport.

**Ch. of (118) Robert, Wife, Jane Stevenson.**

134. MARY ANN, b. near Plainfield, Aug. 29, 1820. m. Robert R. Boyd, a native of Ireland, May 23, 1839. Ceremony performed by Samuel Elliott, Esq. Robert was born in 1810. They located on a farm near Coshocton among the grand old hills and prospered. They raised a large family of children, most of whom (1925) are still living among the hills. He d. Oct. 8, 1888, and she d. Aug. 1, 1900. They sleep side by side in the cemetery at Keene. Their memory is kept green by annual reunions which have been held for many years by their descendants.
135. ELIZA NESBITT, b. Sept 30, 1821, d. April 7, 1822.
136. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 1, 1823. Grew up on the farm. Married Ann Love of Coshocton County April 15, 1847. Ceremony by Geo. B. Sturges. They moved to Iowa soon afterwards and located in Benton County, near Vinton. He served a term as County Treasurer, and d. at Vinton, May 22, 1855. His widow, with the children, returned to Ohio after his d. and soon thereafter located in Galesburg, Ill., where they spent the remainder of their lives.
137. JAMES STEVENSON, b. Jan. 14, 1824. d. Sept. 1828.
138. KATHERINE, b. June 19, 1825, d. Sept. 29, 1828.
139. ELEANOR LEWIS, b. July 22, 1827, m. John Lowrie, a veteran of the Mexican War, Nov. 2, 1848, ceremony by Rev. I. N. Baird. They located in Henderson, Ky., where he suddenly d. some months after their m. and she returned to her parents. She afterward m. Samuel Ketchum of West La Fayette, Coshocton County. He d. in West La Fayette, June 29, 1871, and in 1882 she moved with her children to Hamilton, Mo., where she d. March 30, 1886 and was buried in the cemetery there.

140. **EDWARD D. or STEVENSON**, b. Nov. 22, 1828. Enlisted in the 3rd Ohio Int., May 1846 and served two years in Mexico. He was in no regular engagement but passed over the field of Buena Vista two days after the battle. m. Emily Shafer of Coshocton County, Dec. 21, 1848. He lived in Benton County, Iowa for several years. Then settled in Caldwell County, Mo., in 1854.

In June, 1861, he organized the Mirabile Company of Home Guards, a Union organization, of which he was the captain. He commanded his company in the battle of Blue Mills Landing in Clay County, Sept. 17, 1861, where he was severely wounded. He afterwards served as captain of Co. C, 6th M. S. M. After the war he served two years as Presiding Judge of the Caldwell County Court. He was a successful stock-raiser and shipper, and traveled much over the southwest.

Owing to incompatibility of temper he and his wife were divorced after their children had grown. He later m. Miss Olive J. George of Kingston, April 10, 1889, and they made their home in Springfield, Mo. He d. there April 28, 1895 and was buried in the cemetery near the General Lyon monument. Emily d. at her home in Kingston, January 17, 1899 and is buried in the cemetery there. Edward was named Edward Stevenson, but the muster rolls of his regiment in the Mexican war got it Edward D., and he always retained that name.

141. **HESTER JANE**, b. April 6, 1831. She attended her home district school with her brothers and sisters. On Nov. 2, 1848, she was united in m. with John Renfrew (13) by her cousin Rev. L. N. Baird. Her sister Eleanor Lewis and John Lowrie were m. at the same time. As told by the sketch of John they remained in Plainfield until the following spring, when they went to their home in Benton Co., Mo. chiefly by the river route. She cheerfully bore the hardships of pioneer life until 1854 when the family returned to Ohio and located on a small farm in Richland County near Crestline, where they lived for six years. In 1860 she came with the family to Missouri and they remained there 28 years. In 1888 the family followed the children who had gone two years before to Kansas, and located among them. In 1894 the family moved to Woods County, Oklahoma. They celebrated their Golden Wedding at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. W. DeGuer, near Alva, Nov. 2, 1898. A few weeks later she was taken with an attack of la grippe and after two months of suffering she gently passed to her reward, March 12, 1899.

Hers was a noble Christian character and she was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She united with

the M. E. church when 11 years of age, joined the New School Presbyterians in Iowa and later united with the Congregational church in Missouri. She was laid to rest in the A. O. U. W. cemetery at Alva, the services being conducted by Rev. M. T. Long.

Scott Cummins, the Pilgrim Bard, Kansas and Oklahoma poet, wrote the following beautiful lines in her memory:

**He Giveth His Beloved Sleep.**

(In Memory of Mother Renfrew.)

Truly "He giveth His beloved sleep."

God called thee, ripe with years, thy task well done;  
Rest, care-worn mother, while thy loved ones weep,  
Thy faith sustained thee through the valley lone,  
"He giveth His beloved sleep."

Thou wert prepared, death gained no victory;

Gently, so gently, came the snowy sail  
And phantom barque from vast eternity.

Serenely thou didst meet the boatman pale;  
"He giveth His beloved sleep."

As disappears the silent, phantom barque

Mild sad farewells from loving lips that fell,  
A sweet voice comes from o'er the waters dark,  
And whispers to the mourner, "All is well,  
"He giveth His beloved sleep."

Farewell, no more thy sainted form we see;

We know, to us, thou shalt return no more;  
Yet blessed promise, we may go to thee,  
And clasp glad hands upon that radiant shore.  
"He giveth His beloved sleep."

Hessie Lou's Picture of Mother (141) and Lannie (31) in chain letter Feb. 16, 1925.

"I can often picture Mother, (in the door of the old Missouri home) and Lannie starting home (on the porch outside) and both talking of some book or story in a paper they had read. Sometimes I think I listened to them instead of reading for myself. Mother's eyes would light up like Uncle Ed's, and Lannie would be laughing and telling the funny part. Later, I see them at the south door on the claim in Oklahoma."

142. ROBERT FRANCIS. b. May 22, 1834. Moved with the family to Missouri in 1855. m. Eleanor Jones, April 15, 1858. Ceremony by Rev. Ralph Harris of Clinton County. She was b. in Ohio, Feb. 25, 1836. He was assistant surveyor, deputy sheriff and collector of Caldwell county, and

in 1868 was elected representative for a term of two years. Was in the House when Hon. John B. Henderson and Hon. Carl Schurz were elected U. S. Senators from Missouri, and voted for them.

He joined the Mirabile Home Guards in June, 1861, and was second sergeant of the company. He participated in the battle of Blue Mills Landing and the fight with "bushwhackers" at Union Mills, Platte County in July, 1864. He received a common school education, but was well read and a man of more than ordinary ability.

He d. Sept. 21, 1874, at the early age of 40 years. He had accumulated quite a fortune for those days and left his family in good circumstances. His wife d. Nov. 30, 1884, and they rest in the Packard cemetery near Cameron.

**Ch. of (134) Mary Ann, Husband,  
Robert R. Boyd.**

Children all b. in Coshocton County and reside there unless otherwise stated.

143. WILLIAM JOHNSON, b. June 15, 1840. In Union Army, wounded in battle of Missionary Ridge. m. Sept. 29, 1870, Elmira Elliott of Mirabile, Mo. He d. Clarence, Mo., Jan. 13, 1914. She d. Aug. 31, 1921, Nowata, Okla. 4 children.
144. RICHARD, b. Dec. 12, 1841, d. March 12, 1843.
145. MARGARET JANE, b. June 6, 1845, m. Aug. 17, 1865, Thomas Hamilton, b. County Tyrone, Ireland, Dec. 5, 1842. Union soldier. 6 children. A grandson, Glen Brown Hamilton, son of John Fletcher, soldier of World War. d. in France, Nov. 28, 1918. Thomas d. Dec. 3rd and Margaret d. Dec. 15, 1924.
146. SAMUEL FLETCHER, b. Aug. 12, 1845. m. Aug. 23, 1866, Elizabeth Brown, b. Dec. 27, 1846. 7 children.
147. ROBERT ASBURY, b. March 10, 1847. m. Mary Jane MacMurray of Steubenville, O., who d. August 31, 1904. He d. June 22, 1917. They are buried in Marion, Ohio. 3 children.
148. MARY ANN, b. Oct. 30, 1848. m. April 28, 1875. Alexander Adams, b. April 29, 1839. He d. Feb. 25, 1919. She d. Oct., 1922. 1 child.
149. CAROLINE, b. Jan. 9, 1851, d. Feb. 22, 1870; buried at Keene.
150. HESTER ELEANOR, b. Dec. 6, 1852. m. Aug. 27, 1874, James B. Elliott, who d. Feb. 20, 1910. Buried in Keene. 7 children.
151. CATHERINE ELIZABETH, b. July 31, 1855. m. Oct.

- 3, 1878, John Anderson Clark. She d. June 23, 1920. 8 children.
152. DANIEL D., b. April 22, 1857. m. Oct. 28, 1880, Martha Matilda Compton. d. Aug. 9, 1893. Buried at Roscoe. 1 child. m. second Margaret Augusta Crawford, Sept 26, 1894, b. Oct. 9, 1872. They wrote and published a history of the Boyd family. "One Hundred Years in America." 1820-1920. It is a very meritorious work. Mrs. Boyd was county inspector of Red Cross work for Coshoc-ton County and keeper of the stock room in Coshoc-ton during the World War.
153. ERASTUS, b. Feb. 23, 1859. m. Nov. 2, 1882, Mary Elizabeth Hamilton, b. Nov. 8, 1859. 2 children.
154. ZELMA ADRESTA, b. Aug. 18, 1861. m. Nov. 8, 1885, John D. Hamilton, b. 1859. 5 children. He d. Dec. 20, 1922.
155. CARVETTA THERESA, b. March 28, 1864. m. Nov. 28, 1888, Samuel M. Crawford. b. Dec. 4, 1856. 2 children, a son, Dr. R. B. Crawford. in World War, Camp Greenleaf. Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. Rank 2nd Lieut.
156. EVERETT E., b. Sept. 18, 1867. m. Sept. 26, 1888, Lucy E. Maxwell, b. July 24, 1866. 3 children. A son, Chester M., served 2 years in World War, 1 year overseas. Rank 1st Lieut.
- Ch. of (136) William, Wife, Ann Love.**
157. RICHARD, b. 1848, Benton County, Iowa. d. Galesburg, Ill.
158. ELLA F., b. 1850, Benton County. Lived most of her life in Galesburg.
159. JANIE, b. 1853. d. 1854.
160. WILLIAM, JR., b. 1854, d. in infancy.
- Ch. of (139) Eleanor Lewis, Husband,  
Samuel Ketchum.**
- Children all born in West La Fayette, O.
161. ABNER, b. April 9, 1853. m. Bess Alexander of Pitts-burg, Pa., d. about 1916 in New York City.
162. LAURA, b. 1854.
163. ROBERT JOHNSON, b. Feb. 1858, d. Feb. 8, 1867.
164. HATTIE, b. about 1860, d. Jan. 29, 1887, Hamilton, Mo.
- Ch. of (140) Edward S., Wife, Emily Shafer**
165. ELIZABETH JANE, "Lizzie," b. Dec. 17, 1849, Benton County, Iowa. d. Dec. 14, 1861, near Kingston, Mo. Buried in cemetery, Kingston.
166. JOSEPHINE, b. April 6, 1853, Benton Co., Iowa. m. Oct. 26, 1871, Jas. H. Orr, of Kingston, Mo. She d. Feb.

- 25, 1904. Buried in Kingston. 5 children. He died later.
167. **MARIAN**, b. Aug. 22, 1858, near Kingston. m. April 1, 1875, William McAfee, officiating clergyman, Rev. Geo. McKinley, Presbyterian pastor, Mirabile. b. Sept 19, 1850. He was a lawyer and for several years was county attorney and probate judge of Caldwell Co., Mo. 5 children. Home Hamilton, Mo., 1925. He d. Sept. 1, 1923. Two sons, Emmett and Floyd still live, 1925.
168. **ROBERT SHAFER**, b. Oct. 6, 1866, near Mirabile, Mo. m. Clara Inskip, of Kingston. 5 children: Robert Verne Don. and E. B., R. V. is a Methodist evangelist and preacher, Phoenix, Ariz. Robt. S.'s home is in Los Angeles.

**Ch. of (141) Hester Jane, Husband,  
John Renfrew (13)**

Children in the Renfrew Line 31 to 34.

**Ch. of (142) Robert Francis, Wife  
Eleanor Jones.**

169. **THOMAS**, b. May, 1859, d. Oct. 31, 1859.
170. **ALICE**, b. July 11, 1862, Mirabile Tp. Unmarried.
171. **CLARA**, b. July 22, 1865, Mirabile Tp. Unmarried.
172. **ARTHUR**, b. Feb. 16, 1867, Mirabile Tp. m. Ella J. Sackman, daughter of Wm. B. and Sarah Bozarth Sackman. Sept. 10, 1890. She was b. Oct. 24, 1869. They lived in Missosuri till 1917 and now live near Ottawa, Kan. They have 5 children, Grace, Cleo, McKinley, Fay and Herbert.
173. **EUGENE**, b. Nov. 28, 1868. Mirabile Tp., d. Oct. 14, 1888.

**Stevenson Line of the Johnson-Renfrew Families**

174. **JAMES STEVENSON**, b. about the middle of the 18th century in Ireland, probably County Donegal, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Was a minister of the Church of England. m. Elizabeth Nesbitt. Nothing further is known concerning his history. Their children were all born in Ireland, in County Donegal, and I have few dates of b., m. or d.
175. **ELIZABETH NESBITT**, b. in Ireland. m. Rev. James Stevenson. Was related to a Major Nesbitt, a retired East India officer of the British army, who with two maiden sisters lived at a kind of an old castle called the "Rookery." This place was probably located in County Donegal. These Nesbitts were reputed very wealthy, but their American cousins never fell heir to any of the estate.

**Ch. of (174) James, Wife Elizabeth  
Nesbitt (175)**

176. **GEORGE**, was college bred, a Freemason, came to Amer-

ica, Coshocton Co., O. Was blind in old age and was being cared for at the home of Robert R. and Mary Ann Boyd (134) in Coshocton Co. in 1854. He was then upwards of 70 and did not live much longer.

177. JOHN. Went to the East Indies and nothing further is known of his history.
178. HESTER m. James Elliott in Ireland and they located in Ohio.
179. ELIZA m. Charles Elliott, a cousin of James and Andrew, who m. two of the sisters.
180. THOMAS, m. in New Brunswick and the family has no further knowledge of him.
181. ANN S. m. Andrew Elliott, brother of James.
182. JANE, b. May 25, 1793, in County Donegal, Ireland, When 20 years of age she came to America, with several of her brothers, sailing from Londonderry. She spent the first winter in St. John's, Newfoundland. She walked with her brothers from Baltimore across the Alleghenies, to Pittsburgh, Pa. This must have occurred in 1814, when she was on the way to her sisters in Coshocton, Ohio. As stated previously she m. Robert Johnson (118) Oct. 31, 1819, and her subsequent history is merged with that of his, and their children's. She was a member of the Church of England in early life and later of the M. E. church. A copy of the Holy Bible, published in Dublin, 1809, its lids covered with coarse Irish linen, was her constant companion when not employed in her household duties. She was strong in prayer and was ever ready to pray in public when called upon. In those days women seldom prayed in public. Her husband, though very devout, never prayed in public, though he took part in family worship and it was his custom through life, to say grace at table. She d. on the farm near Mirabile, Aug. 29, 1872, and was buried at Kingston.
183. EDWARD m. Polly Duncan in Coshocton Co., O., and soon located in Fulton Co., Ill., where they raised a family.

**Ch. of (178) Hester, Husband  
James Elliott**

184. JOHN N., b. Aug. 4, 1807, County Donegal, Ireland. He came to Holmes County, Ohio, about 1813. m. Isabel Duncan, b. June 11, 1811, on Nov. 22. 1830, sister of Polly Duncan. Moved to Missouri and located near Mirabile, in 1868. d. there Dec. 13, 1877. She d. March 4, 1885. They had 7 children.
185. MOSES. Raised a family in Holmes Co., Ohio, moved



to Missouri in the 70's and located in Johnson Co. near Warrensburg.

186. **GEORGE.** Went from Ohio to California, soon after the discovery of Gold. Made a fortune which he invested in a small vessel which he stocked with a cargo of merchandise. The crew mutinied and casting him on a rocky island in the Pacific ocean, sailed away. He was rescued by a passing vessel and returning to Ohio engaged in the practice of law. He married and located in Warrensburg, Mo. He later moved with his family to Topeka, Kan. and served for some years as probate judge of Shawnee county. He died in Topeka about 1890, leaving a family.

**Ch. of (181) Ann S., Husband, Andrew Elliott, Sr.**

187. **ANDREW JR., m.** raised a family, lived in Caldwell County, Mo., a few years. He built a house, the first home of J. P. (31) and Ella Renfrew in Mirabile Tp., in Sept., 1871.

**Ch. of (183) Edward, Wife, Polly Duncan.**

188. **ANDREW W.,** raised in Illinois, m. Anna Klepper of Mirabile, Mo. He was accidentally killed on his farm near Kidder, Mo., in the early '90's.
189. **JOHN**  
190. **HESTER**  
191. **LEWIS**

### **THE BLACK LINE**

**Ancestry of Julia Ellen Black Renfrew (247)**

192. **JOHN BLACK.** During the early part of the 16th century, when long years of religious wars and persecutions unsettled all Scotland, many of her people emigrated to Ireland. Among them was a family from Edinburgh by the name of Black, which settled at Londonderry, Ireland, where they made a home and friends. Some of their posterity can still be found there.

About two centuries after their settlement at Londonderry a descendant by the name of John Black, with two brothers and their families, bid farewell to Ireland about 1738, and set sail for the New World. They landed on the Delaware river above where Wilmington now stands and settled at the forks of the Brandywine Creek in Pennsylvania, remaining here but a few years. Later they moved to Albemarle County, Virginia.

- 193 **THE UNKNOWN MOTHER.** They had nine children, five sons and four daughters. Two sons went west into Kentucky and Tennessee. One was never heard of afterward and was supposed to have been kill-

ed by the Indians. The other brother never returned, but settled on the Tennessee river near where the city of Knoxville now stands.

**Ch. of (192) John, Wife Unknown (193)**

194. **SAMUEL**, b. 1728. Samuel, the oldest son, was 10 years old when they landed in America. A few years after they moved to Virginia he was united in m. with Jane Porter, of Scotch-Irish parentage. They resided in Albemarle County, Virginia, and were the parents of eight children.

**Ch. of (194) Samuel, Wife, Jane Porter.**

195. **JOHN** m. Jane Alexander, of Virginia, and in the year 1777 moved to Montgomery Co., Va. They had 10 children. During the Revolutionary War he was under Gen. William Campbell at the battle of King's Mountain and was with him at the treaty made with the Creek Indians at Long Island, Tenn. He was remarkable for industry, integrity and firmness of purpose, eliciting the veneration and respect of all who knew him. He d. at his home in Montgomery Co., Va. July 15, 1849, in the 94th year of his age.
196. **WILLIAM**, b. in Augusta Co., Va. 1766, m. March 28, 1793, Jane McBeth of Augusta Co., Va. They settled in Montgomery Co., Va., where they became the parents of six children. In June 1814, he with his family moved to Ohio and settled in Clark County near the site of New Carlisle. His wife d. Jan. 23, 1843, in her 77th year and he d. Dec. 22, 1851, in the 85th year of his age. William Black and wife, Jane McBeth, in 1798, deeded 38 and a fraction acres to the trustees of Blacksburg, Virginia, for the original townsite of that city.
197. **SAMUEL** m. and had five children.
198. **JAMES** m. and had no children. d. on the homestead in Augusta Co., Va.
199. **JANE ALEXANDER.**
200. **MARTHA McCORMICK.**
201. **NANCY PRICE.**
202. **MARY BLACK.**

**Ch. of (195) John, Wife, Jane Alexander.**

203. **SAMUEL**, m. Agnes Rolland. He visited Clark Co. O. in 1805, and 1807 settled there. They had children. He Served in the War of 1812 and rose to the rank of major. He d. June 19, 1814, of disease contracted in the army and was buried in the Black cemetery, the first to be buried there.
204. **ANDREW**, m. Susannah Ross of Montgomery Co., Va.,

Dec. 20, 1804. In 1805 visited Clark Co., O., Pike Tp. Returned to Virginia in 1806, got his family and returned to the new home in Clark Co., O. His was the first white man's cabin built in Pike Tp. Andrew and Susan Black lived to a good old age and were buried in Black cemetery. He d. in 1854 and she in 1845. They were the parents of nine children.

205. JOHN moved to Clark County in 1808, and m. Elizabeth Ross of Virginia. They had eight children. John served as one of the County Commissioners of Clarke County, serving continuously from 1818 to 1831.
206. JAMES came to Clarke Co., O., in 1808. After a short time returned to Virginia via of Lexington, Ky. In 1811 he returned to Ohio and three years later m. Catherine Black of Kentucky. He built the first mill in the township, which was still standing a century later. They were parents of ten children.
207. MATTHEW, d. at Norfolk, Va.
208. CHARLES, d. in Virginia.
209. WILLIAM, came to Clarke Co., O., in 1816, entered a quarter section of land, and made a "deadening" and returned to Virginia. In 1822 he m. Grizzie Ross and with her returned to Ohio to his homestead and there he reared a family of four children.
210. ALEXANDER, d. in Wisconsin.
211. JANE, history unknown.
212. SUSAN, history unknown.

Of the children of John and Jane Alexander Black, the five sons, Samuel, Andrew, John, James and William, who settled on Honey Creek, Pike Tp., Clark Co., O., and their wives, all sleep in the Black cemetery.

#### Ch. of (196) William, Wife, Jane McBeth.

213. SAMUEL, b. in Montgomery Co. Va., Sept. 13, 1794, m. Malinda Mitchell (b. Nov. 2, 1794), on Nov. 20, 1817, in Clark Co., Ohio. They were pioneers who settled in the primeval forests, cleared the land, and established homes, schools and churches. They were Methodists and the noted pioneer preacher, Rev. J. B. Finley and other preachers of those days, could always find rest and entertainment in this home. The first school house was built at the south end of the Samuel Black farm.

The wife d. June 30, 1845, and Samuel d. May 17, 1873. They are buried in the Black cemetery near New Carlisle, O. They were the parents of 10 children.

214. AGNES, m. Giles W. Thomas March 8, 1816. They had 10 children.
215. SALLIE, m. William Reyburn, June 13, 1816. They also had 10 children.
216. WILLIAM PORTER, m. Susannah Verdier, Nov. 16, 1820. 16 children. During the Civil War four sons were in the Union Army.
217. ANDREW CLINTON, m. Provy (Providence) B. Standiford, Oct. 20, 1824. They had 13 children.
218. JOHN, the youngest son, d. in Montgomery Co., Va. May 9, 1814.
- Ch. of (213) SAMUEL, Wife, Malinda Mitchell
219. WILLIAM ADDISON, b. Nov. 10, 1818, m. Elizabeth A. Flory (b. Dec. 25, 1825) on Sept. 22, 1847, d. Feb. 25, 1882. After marriage they located in Logansport, Ind. For 30 years he was class leader in the M. E. church there. He was an exemplary citizen and d. in St. Louis, Mo., March 28, 1888.
220. LOCKEY, b. Jan. 16, 1820, m. March 6, 1850, Edward P. Carter, b. June 20, 1829, in Preble Co., Ohio. They were married in Cass Co., Ind. and later moved to Champaign Co., Ill. In 1865 they moved to Ray Co., Mo., near the present site of Excelsior Springs, and in 1867, near located in Caldwell Co., Mo., near Mirabile, where they spent most of their remaining years. They had no children of their own, but they raised, or helped to raise, a number of children of relatives. To the sick or afflicted among their neighbors, they were angels of mercy. Aunt Lockey d. Nov. 28, 1887, and was buried at Mirabile. He d. near Monte Vista, Colo., June 18, 1897, and was buried there.
221. MALINDA JANE, b. July 20, 1822, m. Thomas Stafford Muncie, Ind. She d. April 14, 1899. He was b. Jan. 1, 1819, d. Feb. 20, 1904. Both were natives of Clark Co., O. They moved to Indiana near Muncie, in 1848.
222. JOHN G., b. April 29, 1824, m. Sarah Ray, Sept. 20, 1847. He was licensed to preach by Rev. Wm. H. Raper, Presiding Elder, June 27, 1846, Terre Haute, Ohio, and for more than 50 years was a minister of the M. E. church in Clarke Co., O. He was a grand old man and died at New Carlisle, O., April 5, 1910.
223. ELLEN M., b. Sept. 25, 1846, m. 1st. Corridon B. Parker, Sept 13, 1846, and some years after his death, m. 2nd, John Nanna. She died March 28, 1901.
224. OAKLEY HEMPHILL, b. May 21, 1828, m. Susan

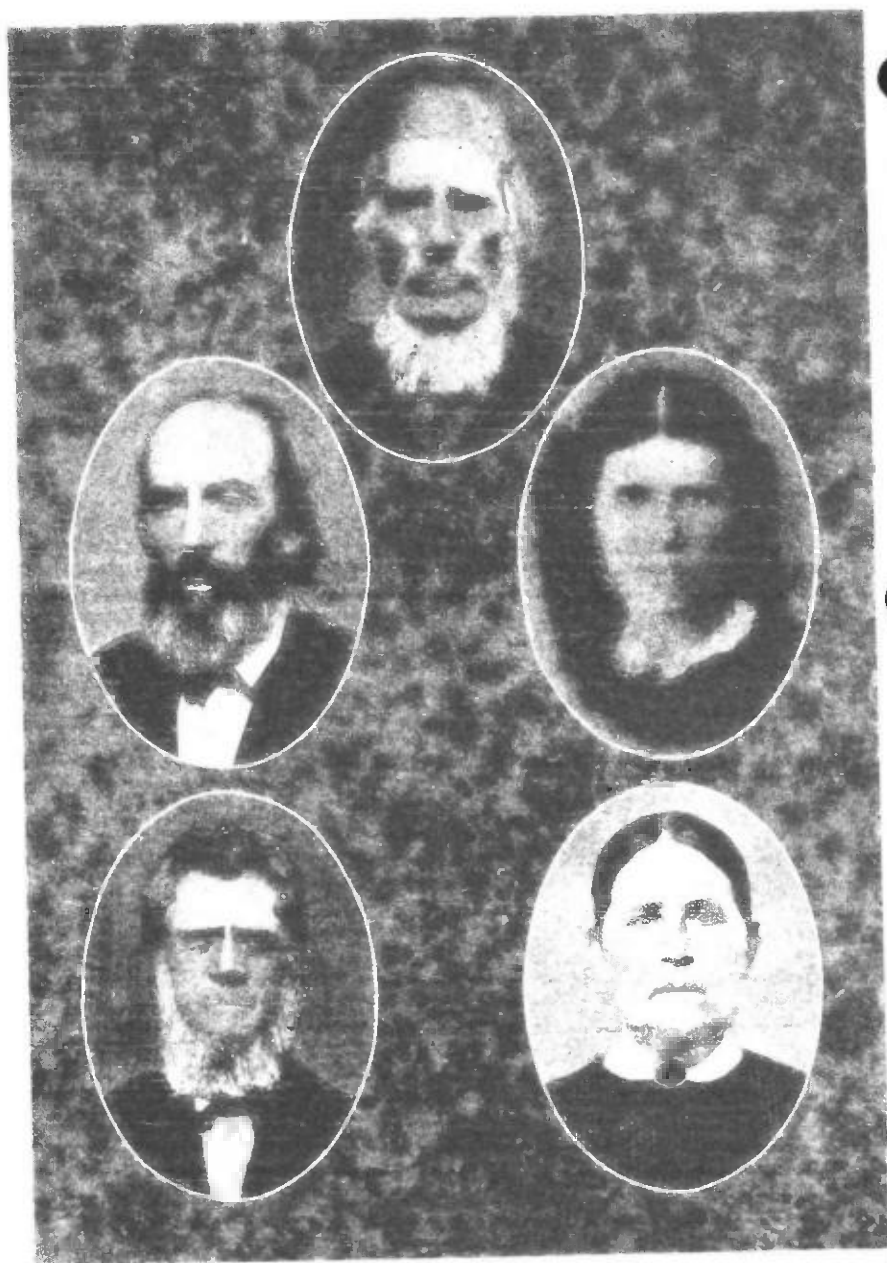
Reeves Hyde (b. Aug. 20, 1833), on Jan. 29, 1854. in Champaign Co., Ill. O. H. grew up on his father's farm in Pike Tp., Clarke Co., O. Attended district school in winter. On Feb. 1, 1846, he enlisted in the regular army, and was mustered into Co. B 1st U. S. Dragoons—Col. R. B. Mason, for a term of five years. His company was in the reserve at the Battle of Buena Vista, Feb. 23, 1847. After the Mexican War he was engaged in many skirmishes with the Indians in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. He was stationed for many months in Santa Fe, Taos and other points in the southwest. He rose to the rank of orderly sergeant. His second lieutenant and afterwards, Captain D. H. Rucker, had a very interesting history. Much romance has been written about Lieut. Rucker and his Indian wife during the time he was stationed at Ft. Gibson, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. She d. in 1842 and her grave may still be seen in the officers' circle in the National Cemetery at Fort Gibson.

Captain Rucker afterwards married again and one of his daughters by the second marriage, became the wife of Lieut. Gen. Phil H. Sheridan. Captain Rucker rose to rank of Brigadier General in the regular army, living to the age of 98 years, the oldest officer in the U. S. army. These comrades carried on an occasional correspondence throughout their lives.

O. H. was also well acquainted with Kit Carson and Maxwell, the owner of the big Maxwell ranch in New Mexico, while in the army. He was mustered out at Ft. Leavenworth, Feb. 1, 1851. He was on the site of Kansas City, Mo., when it was known as Westport Landing.

During the spring and summer of 1851 he worked on a farm in Platte Co., Mo., in the rich Missouri river bottoms. In the course of a few years this farm was washed away by the shifting current of the Big Muddy. He then visited the old home near New Carlisle, O. and later went to Champaign Co., Ill., with his sister Lockett and her husband. Here he married Susan Reeves, daughter of Samuel and Olive Franklin Hyde, near Urbana, Ill.

In the spring of 1860 he had a little legal matter on which he wanted a lawyer's advice. District court was in session at Urbana, at the time, and his father-in-law, Samuel Hyde, said, "I'll introduce you to Mr. Lincoln and he can attend to your case for you." They met Mr. Lincoln and together went over the details of the case, which Lincoln satisfactorily handled. His meeting with Mr. Lincoln was in 1860, between the Cooper Institute speech in February and his first nomination to the presidency, at Chicago, in May.



(213) Samuel Black.

(224) Dr. Oakley Hemphill Black  
(368) Samuel Hyde.

(375) Susan Reeves Hyde Black  
(440) Olive Franklin Hyde.

Soon after his m., O. H. studied medicine and graduated as an Eclectic physician. In 1865 he moved with his family to Ray Co., Mo., and located near the site of of Excelsior Springs. In the spring of 1867 he moved to Mirabile, Caldwell Co., Mo., where for many years he enjoyed an extensive practice. Here his wife died, Feb. 26, 1870, after a short illness, leaving him with the care of nine young children.

On Nov. 4, 1870, he m. Mary Temperance, daughter of Isaiah Rinaman. In the early '80's he lived for some years in Kingston, Mo., then returned to Mirabile. In 1889 he moved to Cameron, Mo., where he d. Feb. 13, 1894. He was laid to rest Feb. 15, beside his first wife in the cemetery at Mirabile.

Dr. Black was a man of more than ordinary ability and a successful practitioner, but almost too tender-hearted for the profession he followed, for it grieved him to see pain and suffering among those about him. Although a man of few words he had a keen sense of humor, and whatever he said was usually quoted by his neighbors as something worth repeating. He was a member of the M. E. church and an Odd Fellow.

Mary Temperance was b. near Plainfield, Coshocton Co., Ohio, Aug. 9, 1848. Moved with her parents to Missouri and located near Kingston in 1868. Since the death of her husband she has resided in Cameron, Mo. (1923).

Her father, Isaiah Rinaman, was b. in Baltimore, Md. 1807. During the battle of Baltimore Sept. 1814 his father was with the troops defending the city when Isaiah found his way to his father's side. The child was hastily removed to a place of safety. An incident of this battle is immortalized as having inspired the national song, the Star Spangled Banner.

5. CATHERINE, b. Aug. 20, 1830, m. George Stafford, Nov. 20, 1851. She d. March 8, 1871.

6. LETITIA, b. Dec. 15, 1832, m. George Higman, Nov. 15, 1856, d. Sept. 2, 1910. He d. Nov. 1909.

SARAH ANN, b. Feb. 10, 1834, m. Walter B. Carter, in Champaign Co., Ill., about 1861. He served in the Union Army. They moved to Missouri and located in Mirabile in 1867. They lived in Winston, Mo. in the early '80's. She lived in Ellsworth, Kan. several years and frequently visited Gen. Fred Funston's parents at Iola, Kan. d. at Ft. Collins, Colo., Dec. 4, 1910.

GRANVILLE N., b. Sept. 15, 1837, m. Harriett Adelia Huntley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Huntley, in

1864. She was b. in Valparaiso, Ind. Oct. 8, 1846. After their marriage they resided for a time at Logansport, Ind., but came to Davenport, Iowa, in 1883. He had also lived in Des Moines. He was a conductor on the Rock Island Ry. between points in Iowa and Nebraska for nearly 30 years. He d. March 16, 1902, and she d. Oct. 11, 1922. They are buried at Davenport.

**Ch. of 214 Agnes, Husband, Giles W. Thomas**

229. GREEN, still living (1920) in Pike Tp., Clarke Co., O.

**Ch. of (215) Sallie, Husband, William Reyburn**

230. JOSEPH, at Peru, Ind., 1920.

**Ch. of (216) William Porter, Wife,  
Susannah Verdier.**

231. SUSANNAH, In Pike Tp. 1920 on W. P. Black homestead.  
232. JOHN, in Pike Tp. 1920 on W. P. Black homestead.  
233. ADAM, d. in West Virginia, in Union Army.  
234. CYRUS was a Union soldier and fell, mortally wounded, while carrying the colors of the 1st Ky. Int. during the first day's fight at Stone River.

**Ch. of (217) Andrew C., Wife,  
Provy B. Standiford.**

235. WILLIAM S., in Pike Tp. 1920 near old home.  
236. ANDREW B. in Springfield Tp. 1920.

**Ch. of (219) Wm. Addison, Wife  
Elizabeth Flory.**

237. MINNIE m. William Rannels, Jan. 2, 1873. After marriage they lived in Logansport, Ind. for many years. then moved to St. Louis, where they now reside (1925.) They have one child, a daughter, Mrs. Edna Weber. She and her daughter are members of the D. A. R. through ancestor, Samuel Mitchell (353).

**Ch. of (221) Malinda Jane, Husband,  
Thomas Stafford.**

238. SYLVESTER, b. in Ohio, Jan. 9, 1847, m. Clara Garrard He d. July 19, 1918. She was about his age, d. in 1916.  
239. JOHN W., d. in infancy.  
240. SAMUEL W., b. in Indiana Jan. 10, 1851. First wife, Annie Flinn, d. about 1893. 3 children.  
241. JOSEPH M., b. in Indiana Aug. 20, 1853, m. Ella Cox,



Nov. 18, 1880. Have 4 children. Wife still living (1923) Eaton, Ind. He d. April 5, 1923.

42. LAURA ELLEN, b. in Indiana Aug. 10, 1855, m. C. O. Spencer in 1873. She d. April 1906. Her husband is also dead. They had eight children.

**Ch. of (222) John G., Wife, Sarah Ray.**

43. ALBERT, d. Jan. 1920, left wife and daughter.  
 44. WILBUR, wife dead. Children, Margia and Glenn.  
 45. CLARA, After her father's death in April, 1910, she went to Sioux City, Iowa, to work for the Woman's Home Missionary Society for some years and was then sent to Jacksonville, Fla., where she filled out the school year for a teacher who was sick. She then became superintendent of the Esther Home, Cincinnati, a home for self-supporting girls on small salaries. She liked this work very much. After two years her health gave way and she was compelled to take a rest for some time.

She was next sent to St. Louis for six months to take the place of the assistant superintendent who had to go home. This work was among incorrigible girls and she says "took all the vim and pep I had, so when I was sent to another work in Gary, Ind. in October, 1920, among the foreigners, I just couldn't get well when the bronchitis laid me aside for awhile." In January she returned to Springfield, O., when after a few months rest she was sent to work in Albany, N. Y. She is now (Oct. 1924), in Urbana, O.

**Ch. of (223) Ellen M. Husband, 1 Corridon  
 B. Parker; 2, John Nanna.**

246. FRANCES ANNETTE PARKER, b. May 17, 1842. m. M. Ambrose Arnold Butler, Dec. 11, 1862, in Cass Co., Ind. Lived with Aunt Lockey and Uncle Ed Carter until she was about nine years old. Was with them in Champaign Co., Ill. Her mother married again to Mr. John Nanna, and two children were born, the sister dying at 27 and the brother at 23. John Schuyler Nanna d. at Ft. Worth, Texas, Jan. 17, 1883. Frances had three children, Lillian Morehart, Mankato, Minn. and Los Angeles, Calif. Lillian was b. Feb. 1, 1865, m. William J. Morehart, April 26, 1886. Lillian's researches in the Black genealogy for a Revolutionary ancestor was of great value in the preparation of this work. She failed to find the Revolutionary ancestor among the Blacks but found him in the person of Grandmother (355) Malinda Mitchell Black's father,



(247) Julia Ellen Black Renfrew

(253) Samuel Mitchell; through him she became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and in 1917-18 was honored with the office of vice-regent of the grand chapter of Minnesota. Frances had a son with whom she was living in Evanston, Ill., in 1910, and a daughter, Albertine, who lived in Chicago, 1910.

**Ch. of (224) Oakley H., Wife Susan R. Hyde.**

All of the children of the first marriage, except Samuel Edward, Rose and Susan, were b. in Champaign Co., Ill.

247. **JULIA ELLEN, "Ella"** b. April 14, 1856, on the site of Champaign, Ill. In the fall of 1865 the family moved to Missouri and located at Old Fredericksburg in the western part of Ray County. In the spring of 1867 they left Ray county and located in Mirabile, Caldwell county. She grew up attending public school and assisting her mother in the care of the younger children. During the winter of 1869-70 an epidemic of measles swept the country, and the mother fell a victim, leaving a family of nine little girls, motherless. The bereaved husband and father found it impossible to keep the family together, and sent Ella (as she was always called) and two of the younger children to their maternal grandfather, Samuel Hyde, near Champaign, Ill., in March, 1870. Fourteen months later, following their father's second marriage, Ella and her two sisters returned to her father's roof. On Aug. 31, 1871, she was united in marriage with J. P. Renfrew (31).

Soon after the removal of the family to Kansas she, with her husband, joined the Farmers' Alliance, 1890, in which she took an active interest, and in 1892 was appointed president of the Barber Co. Woman Suffrage Committee by the Kansas State President, Mrs. Denton, of Attica. She participated, with her family, in the race into the Cherokee Strip, Sept. 16, 1893, and in the selection of a homestead. She was elected a member of the first school board of School Dist. No. 65 "Mirabile" and held the position of Clerk of the Board. She was Deputy County Treasurer of Woods County in her husband's office nearly two years, 1895-96.

When her daughter Lillian's health began to fail, she was almost constantly with her. She accompanied Lillian and Dyes on the overland trip to Roswell, N. M. and remained constantly with them until the end came, in May, 1900.

In 1903 she became a member of the Order of the

Eastern Star and held the position of Worthy Matron of the Alva Chapter and several minor offices. She was a delegate to the Grand Chapter which met at McAlester in 1913.

She also became a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. She held the office of President and most of the minor offices of the local corps, and was elected Department President of Oklahoma in May, 1913, at Blackwell and presided at the annual meeting of the encampment at Stillwater in May, 1914. As department president she went as delegate to the national encampment G. A. R. and W. R. C. held at Chattanooga, Tenn., in September, 1913, and enjoyed the visit to the famous battlefields in the vicinity. She was appointed assistant by Mrs. Basham, of Iowa, National Inspector of the W. R. C. and in that capacity visited several corps in Arkansas in 1915.

By previous arrangement her seven sisters held a reunion at her home in Alva in May, 1910. They then decided to hold these reunions once every five years. In May, 1915 they held their reunion at Long Beach, Calif., the guests of Linnie Alleman and Rose Sackman, all the sisters again being present. In June, 1920 the reunion was held at the home of Sarah C. (Sade) Carpenter in Tacoma, Wash. Only six of the sisters attended this reunion, Rose Sackman and Wallie Clifton having been called to the higher life since the last meeting.

Ella was converted in early life and joined the M. E. church, the church of her parents' families for several generations. She always attended church services when possible, and in 1898, with her husband, joined the U. B. church at Mirabile, Okla., and later on moving to Alva, they transferred their membership to the M. E. church, 1908. When 13 years of age she joined the Good Templars lodge at Mirabile, Mo. and held her membership until she moved to Kansas.

In 1922 she became a member of the Cherokee Outlet Chapter, D. A. R. of Alva, through the record of her great grandfather, (353) Samuel Mitchell. Her national number is 177,868.

When her husband entered upon his duties as postmaster of Alva, Nov. 1, 1916, she at once took charge of the newspaper, Renfrew's Record, as editor and business manager, which she ably conducted until the plant was leased to Blakey & Withrow, June 1, 1920. The business grew and prospered greatly under her management, but



(21) J. P. and (247) Ella Renfrew  
Golden Wedding Picture  
August 31, 1921.

the burden was too great and injured her health to such an extent that she was compelled to give up regular work. She was able, however, to enjoy the society of relatives and friends and attend church and Sunday school and meetings of the W. R. C., P. E. O., D. A. R., etc. (1923). She became a member of the Chapter A L P. E. O. of Alva in 1921.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of their wedding was celebrated at their home, 817 Fourth street, on the evening of August 31, 1921. The Gleaner class of the M. E. Sunday school, Mrs. W. W. Starr, teacher, took full charge of the arrangements. Over 200 relatives and friends were present. Rev. Everett Simpson, pastor of the M. E. church, made a delightful address to the long-wedded pair and the Pilgrim Bard read a fine poem. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

### **Sacred Is That Solemn Vow.**

A tribute of respect and esteem to my dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Renfrew, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

By Scott Cummins,—The Pilgrim Bard.  
August 31, 1921.

Fifty years ago today,  
You your marriage vows did say;  
Ever henceforth, man and wife,  
You would journey all through life,  
Hand in hand and heart to heart,  
Naught save death you twain should part,  
In approaching sunset now,  
Sacred is that solemn vow.

We, your friends and loved ones dear  
Joyfully assemble here:  
Honor and respect to pay  
On your Golden Wedding day;  
Honor to the useful life  
Thus far spent as man and wife,  
In approaching sunset now,  
Sacred is that solemn vow.

Wrinkled faces still are fair;  
Honor crowns that snowy hair;  
Conquerors in the uneven strife,  
Husband fond and loving wife;  
Ever faithful, ever true,  
Heaven's reward is waiting you.  
In approaching sunset now,  
Sacred is that solemn vow.

Wish we, hope we, many a year  
 Life be spared your friends to cheer  
 Ever brighter grows the way  
 Leading to the realms of day;  
 Heart to heart and hand in hand,  
 May you gain that sun-lit land;  
 With assurance then, as now,  
 You have kept your solemn vow.

In October, 1923, Mr. and Mrs. Renfrew went to National City, Calif., hoping that a winter in that delightful climate might restore in a measure, her failing health. For a few weeks she seemed to improve but growing weaker, they decided to leave the seaside and go to Pomona, further inland, and nearer the mountains.

For two months she took many pleasant drives among the orange groves and rose-bowered homes of Pomona, but they failed to restore the roses of health to her cheeks and in May she came back to Alva to be with her children and friends.

Soon after her return she rallied and for some months she showed signs of improvement, but when her strength did not return, those nearest to her saw that the end was not far off. Throughout her long illness she was cheered by the presence of relatives and her rooms were fragrant with flowers, the gifts of dear friends who frequently called upon her. At no time through the years of failing health, did she show irritation or utter an unkind word. The last few weeks in spite of her weakness, she was able to walk from her bed to the sitting room, where she sat all day in her chair, and thus spent the last full day of her life.

At high noon, Thursday, December 18, 1924, with a smile on her face, she passed peacefully into rest.

On more than one occasion she had said, "I have no fears for the future but it grieves me to think of leaving the dear ones here, but if I am called, I am ready to go."

More than two years before, she had given directions in regard to her funeral, all of which were complied with. The texts chosen were, "For so He Giveth His Beloved Sleep," Psalms 127:2, and "Come Unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. She requested that the 23rd Psalm be read with special stress on the 4th verse, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for **Thou art with me**; thy rod and thy staff they com-

fort me." The hymns she selected for the choir were: "Nearer My God To Thee;" "Abide With Me;" and "Crossing the Bar," and the choir also sang "Come Ye Disconsolate," by request. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church, Saturday, at 2 o'clock p. m., conducted by the pastor Rev. C. I. Wallace, assisted by Rev. LeRoy Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church. After the services at the church, all that was mortal was followed to the A. O. U. W. cemetery and was laid to rest beside those of dear ones gone before. She now sleeps "Beneath the low green tent whose curtain never outward swings."

### Tributes to Ella (247)

A. W. Doughty in Alva Record, December 26th, 1924.

"No one who was acquainted with the life and character of the late Mrs. J. P. Renfrew, wife of the founder of The Record, could help but admire her sweet and loving disposition and her high and lofty ideals. The writer has been intimately acquainted with the deceased for almost a quarter of a century, having married a niece of the family nineteen years ago, who at that time was a member of the Renfrew family. Since our marriage we have lived in adjoining houses and have been closely associated with these splendid people.

"Mere words cannot express the feeling of reverence and esteem we have for the memory of this good woman. Her life was a benediction to all with whom she came in contact, and her devotion to her family and loved ones was unswerving. She was a woman of unusual ability and talent as a leader and her life was spent in trying to make the world a better place in which to live.

"She has gone from us but her influence and the memory of her life devoted to others will live after her."

Hessie Renfrew Nuce, Colorado Springs, Colorado, writes December 19th, 1924: "Ella was like a mother to me, for from childhood up, I depended on her so much for advice."

Jennie Renfrew Baker, Athol, Missouri, writes February 13th, 1925: "Ella was one among ten thousand."

Mrs. H. H. George, Buffalo, Oklahoma, writes February 20th, 1925: "The picture is good. She has that pleasant smile with which she greeted everyone."

Harold Sackman, Detroit, Mich., Jan. 22, 1925: "To say good things of Aunt Ella would require volumes, for to us she was a mother and as such one could write and write."

Mary Black Doak, Grand Forks, N. Dak., February



h 1925: "I know you have the golden memories of long years together."

Mary Renfrew DeGeer, Trenton, N. J., January 11th, 1925: "Ella was so dear to me and to my older children they knew her from the time they were little children."

Mrs. Edna P. Hale., Cor. Sec. Alva. Chapter A L, P. O., Dec. 22, 1924: "We feel that the Chapter has lost a sister, whose place can never be filled and we shall miss just as we have during her illness, her wise counsel and sweet presence."

The Gleaner Class, M. E. Sunday School, Alva, January, 1925, by the teacher Mrs. W. W. Starr: "As we come to the new year and begin our plans for future work we look down the list and find one name we will have to drop from our roll: Our dear Mrs. Renfrew. One whom we all loved. One who always had a kind word and a loving smile for all. We, too, shall miss her."

Cora DeGeer McElwain, San Diego, Calif., Dec. 23rd, 1924: "She was a strong, full character."

Emily Renfrew DeGeer, National City, Calif., Dec. 22nd, 1924: "Memory brings back all the joys and sorrows we shared together in the past more than fifty years, with Ella always so cheerful and helpful."

Sade Black Carpenter, Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 19th, 1924: "No one can ever know a more worthy wife, mother and sister, than the one who has just left us after months and months of suffering."

Eva DeGeer, National City, Calif., Dec. 19th, 1924: "Dear Aunt Ella was such a wonderful soul and she has enriched our lives with her love and her own rich personality beyond anything we can realize, and those deep friendships will be taken up in some future life when we shall know her again as friend and wise counsellor, teacher, physician, or close relative. For the bonds of love endure. God wills it so."

Mary Renfrew DeGeer, Trenton, N. J., Dec. 28th, 1924: "I wish I could tell you how dear Ella was always to me. She was so unselfish, kind in every way to everybody."

Mah DeGeer Wells, Trenton, N. J., Dec. 28th, 1924: "I cannot remember the time when Aunt Ella and you were not a part of my life."

Mrs. Jack Greenlee, Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 22, 1924: "We will miss her but her memory will remain, and the good that she has done will live on and on through the ages."

Mrs. Frank Korn, El Reno, Okla., Dec. 24th, 1924: "I am glad I was privileged to know her, for verily a good woman awaiteth her reward."

Jesse Dunn, Ex-chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Oakland, Calif., Jan. 2nd, 1925: "I well remember her sweet, charming countenance, upon which the long, hard, dry years in the middle nineties never seemed to cause a change. Whether she was in the Treasurer's office, the newspaper office, the post office, or rendering a civic service for the community, she was always the same cheerful, optimistic creature that it was a pleasure to meet and to know."

E. Madison, Ford, Kans., Jan. 9th, 1925: "To give up one who has been a constant companion from youth, who has cheerfully helped to bear the trials and shared the joys along the journey of life, is indeed hard and requires a stout heart. Monuments are erected to the memory of the great but her sons and their families are memorials to Mrs. Renfrew, greater than any monuments of stone."

Muriel DeGeer Hill, Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 9th, 1925: "You were married so young and were happy together so many years that I can't imagine you without her. She was a wonderful woman and your home life was so beautiful it was a splendid object lesson for the many young people who came under your influence. You were both privileged, to have each other and live such a long and useful life together. I shall always be thankful that I enjoyed the influence of you both, personally, and of your happy home, ever since I can remember."

Mrs. D. L. Frazier, Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 20, 1925: "Such a life as hers, leaves no uncertainty as to the future. One by one we will soon follow on, and may we each be as well prepared as she was."

Mrs. Minnie Black Rannels, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 24, 1925: "She must have been a most gifted and lovable woman."

Mrs. Will Baer, Enid, Oklahoma, Dec. 26, 1924: "We feel that, in the loss of our dear Mrs. Renfrew, we have lost one of our best friends, true and found true in time of need. I remember how she consoled me when mamma died, and her words helped me so much. I shall always look back to my knowing her as one of my most pleasant experiences in life,—that smile: bless her dear heart."

Muriel DeGeer Hill, Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 7,

1922: "Dear Aunt Ella: what a refuge she was for people in trouble or sickness. I have heard mother say time and again, that when she was sick, she would rather see Aunt Ella come into the room than any other human being that she knew. She said she brought a sort of peace with her, so that as soon as she entered the room, mother felt a relief from all responsibility: just left it up to Aunt Ella, with perfect confidence in her ability to do all that was possible, I can scarcely believe that she is in delicate health and being cared for herself."

### Old Friends

It has been a source of comfort and joy to know Mr. and Mrs. Renfrew. I have always felt that they were community builders, of the honest to goodness kind, standing for all that was highest and best, morally, politically and socially.

Their home life always so beautiful in their relations to each other, their relatives, and friends.

Their church life was one of sweet christian fellowship and helpfulness.

The Renfrew Record stood with no uncertain sound, squarely for the right through the years of their editorship.

While Mrs. Renfrew suffered the last years of her life, it was a benediction to me to see her, smiling, patient, and her dear husband equally patient, ministering to her every need.

How they loved their sons. You only realized it by the contented look on their faces while in their presence. I am better, because I have had the privilege of having Mr. and Mrs. Renfrew for my friends.

Sincerely and lovingly,

Mrs. Alice Woodward  
Alva, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Edgar Marchant, Aline, Okla., April 10, 1925.

"I first became acquainted with Mrs. Renfrew in 1900 when we were both wives of struggling editors of small town newspapers in Woods County, Oklahoma. Nineteen years later when she was manager of The Record, my husband had founded and placed on a successful basis the journalistic world she called me in my hour of greatest need to be her helper. I had always admired her and thought of her as a most efficient and lovable woman, but I did not really know her until I became a member of the family. For almost a year we worked together. In the office she was a considerate employer, kind and generous

while adhering to good business methods. In the home she was a devoted wife and mother to her two grown sons and their families. She gave me a sister's place in her great heart at a time when my life was clouded with sorrow. To her I owe an uplift of spirit that sustained me in carrying out my work. After fifty years of wedded life she was still the ideal sweetheart of her husband, and while in the home I never saw in her the least touch of impatience or irritation of manner. Serenity was a marked feature of her life."

Extract from Memorial for Sister Ella Renfrew of Chapter A L, P. E. O., Alva, read in State Convention P. E. O. at Okmulgee, Okla., May, 1925.

"She was under all circumstances a well spring of hope, of help, joy and comfort to her dear ones and to all with whom she became acquainted. She was a woman of high christian character, a woman who stood for all that was good and beautiful in life and whose presence shed joy and sunshine wherever she went. She exemplified in her life the cardinal virtues, of Faith, Love, Justice, Purity and Truth. No memorial, however lovingly penned, can give an adequate idea of her virtues and of her active interest in the community in which she lived."

248. EMMA WALLACE "Wallie," b. Aug. 16, 1857. Moved with the family to Missouri, and grew up in Mirabile, attending the public schools. In June, 1873, went to Champaign Co., Ill., and for two years lived with the family of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Maxwell. Returning to Missouri she m. Jacob Huston Clifton, at Mirabile, Feb. 24, 1876, Rev. S. H. Enyeart of Mirabile officiating. They lived in the vicinity of Mirabile until 1887, when they moved to Kansas, finally locating in Hodgeman County on the Pawnee river, lived some years in Capron, Okla. and later they moved to Hanston, Kan., where she d. April 30, 1920.

Huston was b. in Ohio, Aug. 30, 1851, and d. in Hanston, Kan., Feb. 9, 1922. Wallie was of a happy, kind-hearted disposition, who gave freely of her time among the sick and afflicted in the vicinity in which she lived. She was an active member of the Baptist church, and a leading worker in the Ladies' Aid Society of her church. They rest together in the Hanston cemetery.

249. OLIVE MALINDA "Linnie," was b. Jan. 19, 1859. She grew up in the vicinity of Mirabile and attended the public schools. m. William H. Alleman, at Mirabile, March 13, 1878, by Rev. J. H. Cox, M. E. pastor, Cameron, Mo.

They lived in Mirabile until 1895 when they moved to Cameron. Here they lived until March, 1899, when they located in Pomona, Calif. Mr. Alleman was b. in Marshall Co., Ind., June 10, 1843. Served three years in the 87th Ind. Vol. Int. during the Civil War. Fought at Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Siege of Atlanta and was on Sherman's March to the Sea, and in the Grand Review, at Washington, in May 1865. Came to Mirabile in 1866. He was a successful farmer until moving to California, where he engaged in orange culture. He d. at Claremont, near Pomona, Dec. 3, 1907, and sleeps in the Pomona cemetery.

Since then Linnie has lived chiefly in Pomona and Ontario, Calif., or when sickness or trouble enters a sister's family she is ready to go and help or comfort them. She spent the winter of 1916-17 with her sister, Rose Sackman, in Elgin and Dundee, Ill., during Rose's last illness.

In 1920-21 she spent nearly 18 months in the family of her sister, Sade Carpenter, in Tacoma, Wash., making a trip to Treadwell, Alaska, while gone, and since May, 1922, with the family of her sister, Ella Renfrew, in Alva, Okla., until July, 1923, when she returned to Pomona, Calif. She is a member of the Christian church and an earnest worker.

250. SARAH CATHERINE, "Sade," b. Feb. 15, 1861. Grew up in Mirabile and attended the public schools there. She taught a term or two of school. m. Isaac Devant Carpenter at Mirabile, March 13, 1878, Rev. J. H. Cox, pastor of the Cameron M. E. church officiating. Sade's and Linnie's was a double wedding.

Mr. Carpenter was b. July 23, 1849, near Buffalo, N. Y. and received a thorough education in architecture and building. In the spring of 1878 he went to western Kansas and filed on a homestead, pre-emption and timber claims in Ness county, then a new county. He worked at the carpenter trade in Atchison for several years while holding the claim. After proving up on the claim they moved to Ness City where he worked at his trade for several years. He then worked in Colorado mining towns, Creede and Telluride, where he built tramways and timber work in the mines. He also worked in Denver, Salt Lake City, Utah; Gem, Idaho; etc. Being a skilled workman he always commanded the highest wages. During these years Sade and the children accompanied Devant in all of the removals. They finally moved to Treadwell, Alaska, where for 12 or 15 years he had steady employ-

ment in the famous Treadwell gold mines, being one of the superintendents. For a year or more, 1904-05, the family lived in Pomona, Calif., returning to Treadwell for some years, they left there when the mines became unprofitable, and located in Tacoma, Wash, where they have a pleasant home. (1925). Though past the age when men usually retire from work, I. D. still takes worth while jobs and works with his old time energy. Sade is happy in the company of her young grandchildren that live near her. Sade is a member of the Congregationalist church. She was always a leader in the communities in which she lived. In Treadwell, on the distant Alaskan coast, she did much to brighten the social life of the American colony in that mining town, and helped to better the condition of the foreign element there.

Devant's father, Abner Lewis Carpenter, was b. in Blackville, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1824. d. in Olympia, Wash, Nov. 17, 1922, aged 98 years.

251. CORDELIA ALICE "Corda" was b. Aug. 6, 1862. Her girlhood was spent in the vicinity of Mirabile, with the exception of a year or more spent with her Uncle Samuel Hyde in Champaign following her mother's death in 1870. She was united in m. with Alonzo Robert Grant, Aug. 9, 1883, at Missouri City, Mo. He was b. in Missouri, Sept. 27, 1859 and grew up in Mirabile and vicinity. Two years after their marriage they moved to Phillips Co., Kan., where he became a successful farmer and stockraiser. He d. there Dec. 30, 1895. Corda moved with her children the following spring to Capron where she made a home. Here she m. Charles W. Arnold, March 10, 1897, Rev. J. W. McWilliams officiating. Charles was b. in Illinois, Mar. 7, 1867, and d. Nov. 6, 1917. Corda resided for some years in Rocky Ford, Pueblo and Denver, Colo., but at present (1925) resides in Alva, Okla. She was converted at the age of 13 and became a member of the M. E. church.

252. AGNES BELLE, "Aggie," b. Oct. 5, 1863, grew to womanhood in Mirabile with the exception of a year spent in the family of her Uncle 'Miah Gerall, in Champaign Co., Ill., after the death of her mother. m. George W. Clifton at Mirabile Sept. 7, 1881, Rev. W. H. Welton of Cameron officiating. He was b. Nov. 11, 1856, near Mirabile; was a brother of J. H., who m. Wallie (248). They farmed in the vicinity of Mirabile until 1896 when they moved to Colorado. The last 12 years they have lived in Pueblo. Aggie is a member of the M. E. church.

**MINERVA LINDSEY**, "Mina" b. July 14, 1865. Soon after the death of her mother she went to the home of Uncle Ed and Aunt Lockey Carter (220) where she was brought up. On Oct. 16, 1889, she was united in m. with Charles W. Partin, b. April 9, 1867, in Caldwell Co., Mo. They lived a few years in Phillips Co., Kan. and in the San Luis Valley, Colo. Then in July, 1898, they located in Pomona, Cal. and vicinity, raising oranges for many years then later growing apples at Yucaipa, near Redlands. They have made a number of trips in their car, touring the Pacific coast from San Diego to Seattle, making long stops at various points on the way. They are now (1923) located in National City, Calif. and are engaged in the raising of poultry. They are members of the Christian church.

**SAMUEL EDWARD "Eddie,"** the only son of the first marriage, b. in Ray Co., Mo., Dec. 27, 1866; d. in Champaign Co. Ill., while his mother was visiting her parents, in Sept. or Oct. 1867. He was buried in the cemetery at Mahomet, Ill., where his grandparents and other relatives are buried.

**ROSE A.**, b. in Mirabile, July 25, 1868, and grew up there. In addition to attending the public schools she took piano in 1887, at Kidder College, Mo., under Prof. Burmeister. On May 9, 1888, she m. John D. Sackman, son of Isaac and Sarah Dudley Sackman, at Cameron, Rev. C. C. Young officiating. They left immediately for Port Blakely, Wash., near Seattle, where they lived for a year and a half, then returned to Mirabile. They lived at Mirabile and Cameron for the next 23 years. Owing to impaired health she spent two years in California. She then returned to Missouri for a short time. In October, 1916, she went to Elgin and Dundee, Ill. to join her son Harold, accompanied by her sister Linnie. A few months later she went to a Chicago hospital for treatment and d. there Mar. 30, 1917, following an operation. She was buried near her parents in the home cemetery at Mirabile. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

256. **SUSAN** b. at Mirabile Feb. 24, 1870, two days before the death of her mother. She d. March 6, 1870, and is buried at Mirabile.

Ch. of (224) Oakley H. Black, 2 Wife,  
Mary T. Rinaman.

The children of this marriage were all b. in Mirabile.

257. **NEVA** b. June 7, 1872, d. July 30, 1878.



#### THE EIGHT BLACK SISTERS

Top Row, (left to right)—(252) Agnes Belle Clifton, (249) Olive Malinda Alleman.  
Middle Row—(251) Cordelia Alice Arnold, (248) Emma Wallace Clifton, (250) Sarah  
Catherine Carpenter.  
Lower Row—(255) Rose Ann Sackman, (247) Julia Ellen Renfrew, (253) Minerva  
Lindsey Partin.



258. ETHEL b: June 22, 1874, d. Aug. 13, 1875.
259. JOHN GRANVILLE b. Sept. 22, 1876, d. April 30, 1877.
260. CHARLES T. b. Jan. 15, 1879. Grew up in Mirabile and Cameron, m. Lula C. Bristow at Hodgeman, Kan., March 31, 1904. Living at Meade, Kan. (1925).
261. WILLIAM ADDISON, b. Oct. 7, 1881, grew up in Mirabile and Cameron, graduated in high school at the latter place in 1898. On July 3, 1903, m. Alma Eugenia Borden, at Kansas City, Mo. She was b. in Pennsylvania Sept. 4, 1882. We here submit the story of his life as written by himself:

"I graduated from the Cameron High School in 1898 and on August 9 of that year began work as printer's devil in the Little Globe printing office in Cameron, Mo., later working on the Observer. In October, 1901, I established the Turney Times at Turney, Mo., and my first office was mayor of that place. Dec. 18, 1903, Mrs. Black and myself, under the name of the Black Publishing Co., established the Kidder, Mo., Independent, which we conducted for over 8 years. While running this paper we also ran the Winston Sentinel for some time and established the Turney, Mo., Independent, which we conducted for a year. In February, 1912, we took charge of the Hamiltonian at Hamilton, Mo., conducting it for only 19 weeks, when we sold out. For the rest of the year I worked at Hamilton and Unionville and part of the time conducted a job shop. Dec. 23 of that year I came to Mansfield, Mo., the paper there, the Mansfield Press, having died. We revived it under the name of the Mansfield Mirror and conducted it until two years ago when we sold out. At Kidder I served several terms as mayor and several as city clerk and attorney, also managing the Home Mutual Telephone Co. of Caldwell County at that place. I served 2 years as a member of the city council there. In Oct. 1919, I took charge of the Mansfield post office as acting postmaster and was commissioned Nov. 19, of that year. Mrs. Black was assistant in the office and was always serving in that capacity in the newspaper business after our marriage.

"As to lodge matters: I am a 32 degree Mason, being a member of Joplin Consistory, No. 3, at Joplin, Mo. I am senior warden of Mansfield lodge, No. 543, A. F. & A. M. at Mansfield, and high priest of Mansfield Chapter, No. 122, Royal Arch Masons and worthy patron of Mansfield Chapter, No. 76, Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Black is a past matron. I am also a member of the following Masonic bodies, in addition to those above named:

Mountain Grove, Mo., Commandery, No. 66, Knights Templar; Fidelity Council, No. 35. Royal and Select Masters, Mountain Grove; and the Shrine at Springfield, Mo.

"In Odd Fellowship: I am a past district deputy grand master, past grand and secretary of the local Odd Fellow lodge and secretary and charter member of our home Rebekah lodge, and a member of the Encampment at Cameron, Mo. I was a charter member and secretary of the Odd Fellow lodge at Kidder.

"I am venerable consul of the local Modern Woodmen of America and Mrs. Black is oracle of the Royal Neighbors of America. I am correspondent of the Yeoman lodge here and clerk for the Woodmen of the World. There may be others, but that is all I can think of now.

"I am past president of the Ozark Press Association and former district vice-president of the State Press Association, in which I still maintain membership. I also belong to the state and national association of postmasters.

"I am treasurer of the M. E. Sunday School, a member of the official board and recording steward for this conference; have also attended two lay conferences held in connection with the ministerial members.

"Am and have for several years been secretary of the Mansfield Agricultural and Stock Show. Was for some time secretary of the Young Men's Business Club and Commercial Club and am now assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Am no longer financially interested in any newspaper, but am correspondent for 3 weekly papers and for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, St. Louis Times, Kansas City Star and Times, and Kansas City Journal and Post, besides doing some other newspaper correspondence, Mrs. Black is a good newspaper woman and furnishes many leads for stories, which I write. She has had some high school work but never completed her high school course.

"During the war served as chairman and also as secretary of the Wright County Council of Defense and also secretary of the Salvation Army drive.

"Mrs. Black is a charter member and past secretary of the Justamere Club here." (1923). Later, on expiration of his term as postmaster at Mansfield, W. A. bought the Review, at Lawson, Ray County, Mo., May 5, 1924, and is now publishing that paper (1925).

262. MARY ELLICE b. Dec. 14, 1885. Schools attended; Cameron, Mo. public school. Graduated, valedictorian of her class, 1903. University of Missouri, granted de-

gree of Bachelor of Science in Education, 1910. Columbia University, New York City, one semester of graduate work 1914-1915. Taught, Cameron, Mo. public schools, seventh and eighth grades, 1904-1907. Elsberry, Mo. High School. English and Latin 1907-1908. North Dakota University High School, English 1910-1914. Mount Vernon, (N. Y.) Lincoln School, second semester 1914-1915. Substitute teacher in English, University of North Dakota 1921-1922-1923. Teacher of correspondence courses in high school English, University of North Dakota, 1911. Is still engaged in this work. m. New York City, June 19, 1915 to Henry Andrew Doak, of Guilford College, North Carolina. Activities: Member North Dakota Dames, a social group of wives of members of faculty, limited to twenty in membership. Member, North Dakota Faculty Wives Club. Member, Grand Forks Branch of the American Association of University Women. Member, M. E. church. Teacher in Primary department of the Congregational Sunday School. Member Grand Forks Post No. 6 American Legion Auxiliary. Member, Women's League Board University of North Dakota. Speaking of the annual tilts of football between Missouri and Kansas University teams on Thanksgiving day, she writes: "I would rather have Missouri beat Kansas in football than to be given a hundred dollars. I hope Phil will some day help beat Kansas."

Henry Andrew Doak, b. Greensboro, N. C. October 14, 1882. Son of James Wilson Doak, b. Guilford Co., N. C., May 24, 1835 and Emily Ann Watson Doak, b. London, England, May 30. ? Schools attended. Country school Guilford County, N. C., Guilford College. Bachelor of Arts, 1908. Haverford College, Bachelor of Arts, 1909. Harvard College, Master of Arts, 1911. Occupations: worked on farm, in country store, at carpentry. Taught: Alamanee School, Guilford Co., N. C., 1905-1906. Farmington School Davie Co., N. C. Principal 1909-1910. Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, instructor in English 1911-1913. University of North Dakota 1913. (still teaching, 1924). m. New York City, June 19, 1915 to Mary Ellice Black. College activities: Guilford College, won high honors on baseball and football teams, in oratory and debate. Commencement orator, senior year 1908. President athletic association, 1906-1908. Winner Haverford Scholarship 1908, awarded to man with highest honors during his Junior and Senior years. North Dakota, member, Alpha Kappa Zeta, local secret social fraternity, 1914-1922. Activities

outside of college: service record; Students' Army Training Corps, Camp Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Company 25, July 18, September 16, 1918. Commissioned Second Lieutenant, Infantry, September 16, 1918. Assigned to school for Personnel Adjutants at Fort Sheridan. September 16-24, 1918. Assigned Personnel Officer Students' Army Training Corps, University, North Dakota, September 24, 1918. Reported for duty, September 28, 1918. Served until Students' Army Training Corps was mustered out, Dec. 16, 1918. Discharged from army Feb. 25, 1919, Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Member, Grand Forks Post No. 6 American Legion.

**Ch. (225) Catherine, Husband,  
George Stafford**

**CHARLES.** P. O., Springfield, O.

**Ch. of (226) Letitia, Husband, George Higman**

**JUSTINE.** 725 W. Adams St., Muncie, Ind. (1921).

**Ch. of (227) Sarah A., Husband,  
Walter B. Carter.**

**KATE.** b. May, 1863, Champaign Co., Ill., grew up in Mirabile and vicinity. m. Joseph Goff, at Winston, Mo., July, 1881 or '82. d. in Ellsworth, Kan. Left 2 children, Ralph A. and Bessie E.

**Ch. of (228) Granville N., Wife  
Harriett A. Huntley.**

**66. BERTHA.** b. July 6, 1866. Stenographer, Davenport, Iowa. (1925).

**67. MAY.** b. Jan. 25, 1868. m. Louis Knocke; a son Arthur, Davenport, Iowa.

**(247) Julia Ellen, Husband, J. P. Renfrew.**  
Descendants in the Renfrew Lines.

**Ch. of (248) Emma Wallace, Husband,  
J. H. Clifton.**

**68. MYRTLE.** b. Clinton Co., Mo., May 9, 1877. Early years spent in Mirabile and vicinity. Went with the family to Hodgeman Co., Kan., in 1888. m. Jesse Horton near Hodgeman, Kan., July 22, 1896. Now living in Hanston, Kan. (1925).

**69. ELLA OAKIE.** b. Dec., 1882, near Mirabile, d. Jan. 19, 1883.

**70. EDWARD CLITHERO,** b. March 28, 1884, in Mirabile, d. Jan. 19, 1885.

**71. OLIVE,** b. Feb. 12, 1886, in Mirabile, d. in Hodgeman, Kan., May 15, 1888.

272. BESSIE, b. near Hodgeman, Kan., Oct. 24, 1889. m. Frank Evins, Jan. 2, 1913. They live in Hanston, Kan., (1925).

Ch. of (249) Olive Malinda, Husband,  
W. H. Alleman.

273. FLOY L., b. in Mirabile, Sept. 16, 1879, d. there June 10, 1880.

Ch. of (250) Sarah Catherine, Husband,  
I. D. Carpenter.

274. EDITH MAY, b. Atchison, Kan., Sept. 23, 1879. She grew up in Ness County, Kan. and d. in Ness City, Nov. 26, 1894. She was one of the brightest school girls in Ness City and was about to graduate from high school.
275. CLARENCE EDWIN, b. in Mirabile Tp., Sept. 22, 1883. Was raised in Ness Co., Kan. and other places in the west. m. Brilliant Olds, June 28, 1913. She was b. in Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 22, 1890, and is a graduate of Juneau H. S.
276. EDNA GERTRUDE, b. in Ness Co., Kan. June 2, 1886; with the family on its various removals. She was assistant postmaster in Treadwell, Alaska for several years. m. Charles W. Russell, Aug. 27, 1913. He was b. in Marion, Ind. Jan. 19, 1883. Home Wrangell, Alaska, (1925)
277. KENNETH LLOYD, b. in Ness City, Kan., June 22, 1889. Was a graduate of the University of California, Class of 1913. m. Agnes Adams, May 20, 1916, daughter of Mrs. Noel Merritt Adams of Oakland, Calif. Agnes was b. Dec. 17, 1889, a graduate of Broadway H. S. of Seattle, 2 years University of Washington. Lloyd was stationed at Camp Humphreys, Washington, D. C. during the World War and died in Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 14, 1920. He rests in the Mausoleum, Tacoma.
278. PAUL MANSFIELD, b. Telluride, Colo., July 5, 1897. Entered the army 25th U. S. Eng. and served a year in France. m. Henrietta Foreman in Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 10, 1917. She was b. in Dresbach, Minn. Paul is graduate of Juneau high school.

Ch. of (251) Cordelia Alice, Husband,  
Alonzo R. Grant.

279. BLANCHE ELLA, b. near Mirabile, March 19, 1884. Raised in Phillips Co., Kan., and Woods Co., Okla. Graduated in Northwestern Ter. Normal School, Class of 1904. Printer on Review and Renfrew's Record, Alva, outside of school hours. m. Sept. 3, 1905, Allen West Doughty,

- son of Enoch W. and Clara Ellen Merris Doughty, b. in Ohio, Dec. 11, 1881. Allen was also a printer on the Review and Renfrew's Record. Since 1920 have been in the employ of the Alva Record, he as a linotype operator and Blanche as bookkeeper and collector. Allen has owned and published the Record since August 9, 1924.
280. GRACE CLAIRE, b. in Phillips Co., Kan., May 18, 1885. Raised in Phillips and Woods counties. Good common school education. m. May 7, 1902, Raymond Henry Roberson, son of LeRoy H. and Emma Spielman Roberson, of Woods Co., b. June 11, 1881, Henry Co., Mo. Live on their farm near Mirabile north of Alva (1925).
281. GEORGE OAKLEY, b. in Phillips Co., Kan., Nov. 27, 1886. Grew up in Phillips Co., Kan., and Capron, Okla. m. Feb. 3, 1907, Lula Bell Brown, b. May 16, 1888, in Mullinsville, Kan. Live on their farm north of Alva (1925).
282. ELIZABETH REEVES, b. in Phillips Co., Kans., July 14, 1888. Grew up in Phillips Co., Kans., and Capron, Okla. m. Oct. 6, 1907, Raleigh P. Van Gundy, b. in Ohio April 5, 1884. ex-newspaper man and now manager of a lumber yard in Moline, Kan. (1925).
283. TAYLOR ALONZO, b. in Phillips Co., Kan., March 17, 1890. Raised in Phillips Co. and Capron. m. Jessie Pulliam, b. Oct. 1, 1890. They live at Littleton, Colo., near Denver (1925).

**Ch. of (251) Cordelia Alice, 2 Husband,  
Charles Warren Arnold.**

284. ALBERT BLACK, b. in Capron, Okla., Dec. 31, 1897, d. July 20, 1898.
285. WILMA EMMA, b. Capron, March 30, 1899. Grew up in Oklahoma and Colorado. m. March 22, 1917, in Pueblo, Colo., I Eugene Henry Hinkin, and m. 2 David Kenneth Tulloch in Alva, March 30, 1921. He was b. in New Jersey 1899, joined U. S. Marines, went to France with the 2nd Division, fought at Chateau Thierry, where wounded. They now live in Plainfield, N. J. (1925).

**Ch. of (252) Agnes Belle, Husband,  
George W. Clifton.**

286. OTHO, b. in Mirabile Tp., Mo., June 12, 1882. Raised in Missouri and Colorado. m. Lucy Green. They live near Grants Pass, Ore.
287. LOCKEY MAY, b. near Mirabile, Mo., Feb. 8, 1884. m. J. Will Hays, July 2, 1903, in Colorado. He was b.

- July 25, 1878. They live on a farm near Swink, Colo. (1925).
288. GLADYS FAY, b. near Mirabile, Mo., March 1, 1886. m. Dean Edwards, April 29, 1903. He was b. August, 1882. They live in Rocky Ford, Colo.
289. RUTH ELLEN, b. March 5, 1894, near Mirabile, Mo. m. James Elmer Jennings, Feb. 2, 1914, in Pueblo, Colo. He was b. April 26, 1890. He is an electrician. They live in Denver (1925).
290. ORRIN GEORGE, b. in Colorado Dec. 7, 1899. Home Pueblo (1925). Electrician.
291. WALTER ORA, b. in Colorado, Jan. 20, 1902, d. Dec. 18, 1918.
292. PAUL OWEN, b. in Colorado May 13, 1904.

**Ch. of (255) Rose A., Husband,  
John D. Sackman.**

293. HAROLD, b. in Mirabile, Mo., Dec. 11, 1890. Graduate of Cameron, Mo., high school. Printer on Cameron Sun and Renfrew's Record, Alva. m. Esther Olson. May 11, 1917. For several years has been linotype operator on the Detroit Free Press, Mich.

**Ch. of (260) Chas. T., Wife, Lula C. Bristow.**

294. LINNIE  
295. NINA  
296. ROBERT

Four other children b. to this home. I was unable to secure more accurate particulars in regard to the family.

**Ch. of (261) Wm. A., Wife, Alma  
Eugenia Bordner.**

297. FRANCIS GRANVILLE. b. in Kidder, Mo., Jan. 8, 1908. Attending high school in Manhattan, Kan. (1923) Ad manager, Lawson. Mo. Review and Excelsior Springs Standard, a daily (1925).

**Ch. of (262) Mary E., Husband,  
H. A. Doak.**

298. EMILY WATSON, b. Grand Forks, N. D., July 24, 1917.
299. PHILIP ELLIS. b. Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 31, 1921. Children of Rufus O. and John A. in Renfrew group.

**Ch. of (268) Myrtle Clifton, Husband,  
Jesse Horton.**

300. RUSSELL, b. in Hodgeman Co., Kan., June 19, 1897.

With the A. E. F. in France in 1918. m. Helen Crawford of Dodge City, Kan., July 16, 1919. City letter carrier, Dodge City, Kan. (1925).

61. STANLEY, b. Hodgeman Co., Aug. 18, 1899, d. Jan. 5, 1918.
62. WILBUR "Ted" b. in Hodgeman Co. Feb. 26, 1901, d. June 19, 1904.
63. JAMES P., b. in Hodgeman Co., April 20, 1903. Enlisted in the Signal Service, U. S. A., in March, 1920. First stationed at Camp Funston, Kan., then Camp All-fred, Vail, N. J. Was instructor in Radio the last two years of his 3 year's term of service. m. in Asbury Park, N. J. in 1921, to Sadie Jeanette Clayton. She was b. in Belmar, N. J. April 29, 1903.
64. GENE, b. in Hodgeman Co., August 7, 1905. m. Retta Abbott, Dec. 25, 1923. She was b. Aug. 7, 1901. Is a teacher.
65. RAYMOND, b. in Hodgeman Co., Oct. 15, 1907. m. Jessie Abbott, 1924. She was b. Nov. 29, 1904.
66. EMMA LOIS, b. in Hanston, Kan., May 9, 1917.  
 Ch. of (27) Bessie Clifton, Husband,  
 Frank Evins.
67. EMMA VINITA, b. in Hodgeman Co., Sept. 21, 1913.  
 Ch. of (275) Clarence E. Carpenter,  
 Wife, Brilliant Olds.
68. CORVEL, b. in Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 12, 1921.  
 Ch. of (276) Edna Gertrude, Husband,  
 Chas. W. Russell.
69. DOROTHY WINSLOW, b. in Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 12, 1921.
70. PAUL DEVANT, b. in Ketchikan, Alaska, August 30, 1924.  
 Ch. of (278) Paul M. Carpenter, Wife,  
 Henrietta Foreman.
71. LLOYD MANSFIELD, b. in Tacoma, Wash., March 11, 1921.  
 Ch. of (279) Blanche E., Husband,  
 Allen W. Doughty.
72. VERNE LEE, b. in Alva, March 11, 1907.
73. OLIVE HELEN, b. in Alva, Feb. 7, 1910.  
 Ch. of (280) Grace Claire, Husband,  
 Raymond H. Roberson.
74. GLADYS MILDRED, b. near Capron, Okla., May 20.



1903. Graduate Alva high school. Taught in Beaver, Okla. (1922-23). m. Arthur Criswell, at Alva, a teacher, June 28, 1923.

315. GRANT LEROY, b. near Capron, March 6, 1905. High School graduate.

**Ch. of (281) George Oakley, Wife,  
Lula B. Brown.**

316. ALONZO RILEY, b. Capron, August, 1909. d. 1909.  
317. CECIL EUGENE, b. Capron, August, 1910, d. aged 10 days.  
318. MILDRED ELIZABETH, b. Alva, Sept. 1, 1911.  
319. MARIE, b. near Capron, March 1, 1914.  
320. OAKLEY JR., b. near Capron, June 29, 1924.

**Ch. of (282) Elizabeth R., Husband,  
Raleigh P. Van Gundy.**

Children all born in Capron.

321. ROWENA HELEN, b. Oct. 13, 1908. Student Capron high school. Cartoonist H. S. annual.  
322. RALEIGH TED, b. Feb. 2, 1911.  
323. RUTH IRENE, b. Nov. 13, 1915.  
324. DORSEY WOODROW, b. Oct. 1, 1917.  
325. ALICE CATHERINE, b. Dec. 7, 1923.

**Ch. of (283) Taylor Alonzo, Wife  
Jessie Pulliam.**

326. WILLIAM ALONZO, b. Littleton, Colo. Aug. 1, 1918.

**Ch. of (285) Wilma Emma, Husband,  
Eugene H. Hinkin.**

327. CHARLES ARNOLD, b. Hanston, Kan., Dec. 27, 1917.

**Ch. of (286) Otho, Wife, Lucy Green.**

328. NORMAN, b. Sept. 7, 1907.  
329. BERYL, b. 1913.

**Ch. of (287) Lockey May, Husband,  
J. Will Hayes.**

Children born in Colorado.

330. MARION, b. March 23, 1904.  
331. MAURICE, b. March 15, 1906.  
332. MERLE, b. June 26, 1908.  
333. DOROTHY, b. Jan. 4, 1911.  
334. KENNETH, b. March 24, 1913.  
335. DONALD, b. April 29, 1916.

336. MARGARET, b. Nov. 16, 1918.  
 337. LAWRENCE, b. Nov. 2, 1921.  
 338. NORMA, b. March 3, 1924.

**Ch. of (288) Gladys Fay, Husband,  
 Dean Edwards.**

Children b. in Rocky Ford, Colo.

339. GRACE AGNES, b. Nov. 1, 1904. m. Clyde Mooneyham. Santa Fe electrician, Dec. 10, 1924.  
 340. RUTH EVELYN, b. Nov. 10, 1906. m. Jean Nixon, of Rocky Ford, Sept. 24, 1924.  
 341. RAYMOND RUSSELL, b. Feb. 3, 1909.  
 342. RONALD, b. Dec. 8, 1915.

**Ch. of (289) Ruth Ellen, Husband,  
 James E. Jennings.**

Children b. in Pueblo, Colo.

343. MARY AGNES, b. Feb. 19, 1916.  
 344. LUCILE, b. Nov. 4, 1917.  
 345. DOROTHY JEAN, b. March 18, 1922.

**Ch. of (300) Russell Horton, Wife,  
 Helen Crawford**

346. RUSSELL CLIFTON, b. in Dodge City, Kan., Oct. 13, 1920.  
 347. MARJORIE LOUISE, b. in Dodge City, Kan., Jan. 11, 1923.

**Ch. of (303) James P. Horton, Wife,  
 Sadie J. Clayton.**

348. JOSEPH JESSE, b. Oceanport, N. J., Jan. 22, 1922.  
 349. JEANETTE, b. Belmar, N. J., Sept. 18, 1924.

**Ch. of (304) Gene Horton, Wife,  
 Retta Abbott.**

350. VIRGINIA RUTH, b. Jan. 31, 1925, Hanston, Kan.

**Ch. of (305) Raymond Horton, Wife  
 Jessie Abbott.**

351. BETTY LOU, b. Jan. 6, 1925, Hanston, Kan.  
 352. BILLY KEITH, b. Jan. 6, 1925, Hanston, Kan.

**Ch. of (314) Gladys Mildred, Husband,  
 Arthur Criswell.**

- 352¼. GEORGE RAYMOND, b. May 19, 1925, in Alva.

**Ch. of (340) Ruth Evelyn, Husband,  
 Jean Nixon.**

- 352½. ODEAN, b. April 14, 1925, in Rocky Ford, Colo.

**Partial History of the Mitchell Line of the  
Black Family.**

353. **SAMUEL MITCHELL**, b. King George Co., Virginia, March 15, 1759. Was a soldier of the American Revolution. He enlisted from Christiansburg, Montgomery Co., Va. at various times as follows:

Enlisted	Rank	
March, 1775, 9 months	Private	William Washington
July, 1778, 8 months	Private	John Gordon
July, 1780, 1 month	Private	Henry Patton
Summer, 1781, 1 month	Private	Alex Myers

The writer knows nothing of the history of his service, or of the battles or campaigns in which he was engaged. He was probably in the battle of Camden, N. C., which was fought in August, 1780.

He m. Malinda Cecil, July 7, 1780. Moved to Miami Co., Ohio, 1812, and settled four miles west of Black's. The McKendree M. E. Church Society was organized in his log cabin home Aug. 2, 1812, and for 20 years the meetings were held there. A new church was then built near by, the land being deeded by him to the church for that purpose. The membership of this pioneer society was largely made up of the families of Mitchells, Blacks and Staffords. He applied for a pension, Sept. 25, 1832, and the claim was allowed. National No. 55,279. He d. in Miami Co. Ohio, April 25, 1840.

354. **MALINDA CECIL**, b. in 1761, m. Samuel Mitchell in Montgomery Co., Va., July 7, 1780, and was granted a pension as his widow, following his death. April 25, 1840. She was said to be a lineal descendant of Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, 1563-1612, famous Secretary of Queen Elizabeth, and noted as the enemy of the Earl of Essex and Sir Walter Raleigh. She d. in 1851.

**Ch. of (353) Samuel Mitchell, Wife  
Malinda Cecil**

Ch. all b. in Montgomery Co., Va.

355. **MALINDA**, b. Nov. 2, 1794, m. Samuel Black (212) Nov. 20, 1817. d. June 30, 1845.
356. **WILLIAM** "Uncle Billy," h. in Virginia 1785, m. Feb. 11, 1807, Catherine Stafford, b. Ireland 1787, d. Miami Co., Dec. 6, 1867. Came to America in 1791. 13 children. He was a soldier of 1812. Settled in Miami Co., Ohio in 1811.
357. **GEORGE** m. Catherine Gearhart, and a second wife, Nancy Widener. 10 children.

58. SAMUEL C., b. in Virginia 1799. Was a local M. E. preacher in Clark Co., Ohio. m. Susan Read. 4 children. He d. in Dayton, O., 1852.
59. HOWARD, b. in Virginia June 23, 1801, d. in Miami Co., O., 1869. m. Nancy Stafford. 5 children.
60. ZECHARIAH, local M. E. preacher. Remained in Virginia.
61. ELEANOR, m. Reuben Wallace. No children.
62. REBECCA, m. John Helvie 12 children.
63. LETITIA, m. April 1813, George Brier. 14 children. They moved to Warren Co., Ind. and d. there.
64. SARAH, m. James Lamme. 6 children.
65. KEZIAH, m. Rev. M. G. Baker, a noted pastor of old McKendree church. She d. in 1908 and rests beside her husband in the cemetery at Xenia, Ohio.

#### **Partial History of the Hyde Line of the Black Family.**

The first man of the name of Hyde who came to America of whom I find any record is William Hyde, who came from England and settled in Connecticut in 1633. He is named as one of the founders of Hartford and died at Norwich in 1681 or 2. Our Samuel Hyde (368) was probably one of his descendants.

The following letter written by R. H. Woolworth to Dr. O. H. Black (224) is the most authoritative account of the probable connection of Samuel Hyde (368) with the pioneer Hydes of America that I have seen, and I publish it entire as far as possible.

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 25, 1855.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 6th inst. has been forwarded to me here, where I have been nearly three weeks. The meeting at Boston alluded to through printed notice was gotten up in my name and in connection therewith, without my knowledge or consent. I am descended from William Hyde, who came to this country more than 200 years since (1633), and died at Norwich, Ct. I have for many years been, from mere curiosity, endeavoring \*\*\*\*\* his descendants for the purpose of publishing our descent from him, if I could get it sufficiently accurate. In the course of my examination I found that one or two other families of Hydes came to this country about the same time and from the christian names of the \*\*\*\*\* of my ancestors being the same, I suppose the other families were his relatives. The Hydes who were at Poultney, Vt.

from which your Samuel Hyde is descended, were descended from a Jabez Hyde, who settled at Canterbury, Ct., now some 180 years since (1675) Jabez, b. 1677, grandson of William.

"A son of your Samuel Hyde's Uncle Jabez is one of my neighbors at Saratoga Springs. You are laboring under a mistake in supposing that Joseph Hyde, a native of England \*\*\*\*\*.

"I have inquired so far as to satisfy myself that there is no property in England, to which the Hyde family to which I belong, or to which your neighbor Samuel belongs, have any claim, and I have great doubts whether there is any property thereto, which I have ever heard of, belongs.

"The notices for the meeting in Boston was probably gotten up by some one who wanted to raise a fund to pay the expenses of a journey to England.

Yours with respect,

R. H. Woolworth.

To O. H. Black.

"If I should succeed in connecting your Samuel Hyde's ancestors with my ancestor, William Hyde, who came to this country about 1635, I shall probably send to him to get a history of his family connections of the last two or three generations, to insert in my intended publication."

It was a tradition in the family that the Hydres were descendants of Sir Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, 1609-1674, prime minister and lord chancellor of England, under Charles II. His daughter, Anna Hyde, m. James II. and was the mother of Queen Mary (wife of William III of Orange) and Queen Anne.

266. **WALTER HYDE**, b. in Vermont, m. Poppleton.  
 267. **POPPLETON**, m. Walter.  
 368. **SAMUEL**, b. Poultney, Vt., Aug. 5, 1802. m. Olive Franklin Jan. 9, 1825. They were married in Vigo Co., Ind., near Terre Haute, in which county they lived for some twenty years, and most of their children were born there. In 1845 they settled in Vermillion Co., Ill., and five years later, in 1850, they moved to Champaign Co., where they made their final home. He did a good deal of freighting to Chicago, which was still known as Ft. Dearborn, and was then beginning to be known as a good trading point. He became well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, David Davis and other attorneys who attended the sessions of the District Court at Urbana,

whose names afterward became famous. Samuel was man of strict integrity and high character. He and his wife lived to celebrate their Golden Wedding, Jan. 9, 1875, but she was suddenly called home, July 31, 1875. He survived her a few years and d. Sept. 13, 1878. They sleep in the cemetery at Mahomet, Ill. These good parents and their twelve children were all members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

90. AMASA. I have nothing of the history of this brother of Samuel.

91. SIBYL. b. 1830. Clendonier, a blacksmith. They lived in Champaign and probably d. there. They fought in the War of 1861 at Rochester, N. Y.

**Ch. of (368) Samuel, Wife, Olive  
Franklin (428)**

71. MALVINA F., b. in Vigo Co., Ind., Nov. 2, 1825. m. John Cummings March 30, 1845. She d. in Danville, Ill. July 9, 1896. He was b. in Sullivan Co., Ind., Dec. 11, 1821, a son of James and Elizabeth Cummings, and d. in Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 15, 1913. 6 children.

72. JULIA F., b. July 17, 1828. At the age of 14 she lost her sight, following a severe attack of scarlet fever. She never married. She was of a sweet and amiable disposition, a devout christian and greatly beloved by all who knew her. She d. March 19, 1880.

73. MARY S., b. Jan. 18, 1830, m. 1st Robert Maxwell. They lived in Champaign Co., Ill., for many years but in the early 80's moved to Kansas and located in Allen County. He was b. Nov. 10, 1825, d. Aug. 30, 1894. Native of Kentucky. She afterwards married Nehemiah Gerall. She d. in Humboldt, Kan., Aug. 11, 1904. 5 children.

74. ROSANNA P., b. April 22, 1832, m. Joseph Maxwell. They lived in Piatt County and d. there. She d. Jan. 1882. He d. a few years later. 8 children.

75. SUSAN REEVES, b. Aug. 20, 1833, m. Oakley H. Black Jan. 29, 1854. The children were b. in Champaign Co., Ill., with the exception of the last three, who were born in Missouri. The family moved to Ray Co., Mo., in 1857 and Mobile, Caldwell Co., in 1867. She d. there Feb. 26, 1870, her death being caused by an attack of measles. Before the husband, she left 9 little girls, the oldest being under 14 years of age. She was a member of the M. E. church from girlhood, was a model wife and mother and her death was not only a great loss to the husband

and children, but also to the entire community in which she lived. She was buried in the cemetery at Mirabile where her husband and two of her children also sleep. Her funeral sermon was preached in the M. E. church at Mirabile, the Sunday following the funeral, by Rev. Joshua Boucher of Kingston, an old Ohio friend of Dr. Black. 10 children.

376. ELIZABETH N., b. Feb. 5, 1835. m. Chauncey Smith. He was born in Canada, served in the 3rd Mo. Cav. during the Civil War. The exposure and hard service of army life broke his health and he d. in 1865, a few months after his return home. She devoted the rest of her life to the bringing up of their two daughters and after seeing them married and settled in life she passed away on May 11, 1880. 2 children.
377. SAMUEL A., b. Nov. 21, 1836. When eight years of age he moved with the family, (1845), to Vermilion Co., Ill. Five years later they moved to Champaign County and there he spent the most of his life. Sept. 22, 1861, he enlisted in the 3rd Mo. Cav., serving three years in the Union Army, most of his service being spent in the states of Missouri and Arkansas. At the close of his term of service, he received an honorable discharge, and returning home, m. Catherine Montgomery, Jan. 19, 1865. He was a successful farmer and active church worker. He d. July 8, 1906, the last member of his father's family to go. His wife d. Dec. 13, 1916. She was b. Jan. 19, 1840. 8 children.
378. BENJAMIN F., b. Sept. 21, 1838. Was an ordained minister of the M. E. church. Served three years in the 3rd Mo. Cav. part of the time as Chaplain of the regiment. Returning home following his discharge he m. Mary Blaisdell. For some years after the war he was engaged in the ministry, filling charges at Danville and other points in the Illinois Conference. On being superannuated by the conference he conducted a tea store in Chicago. He d. in that city Dec. 19, 1902. His widow still survives him (1925). 4 children.
379. SIBYL G., b. Sept. 30, 1840, m. Nehemiah S. Gerall, June 15, 1865. They lived in Champaign County many years, then moved to Allen Co., Kan., near Humboldt, in the early '80's. She d. there Nov. 1, 1899. Mr. Gerall was b. in Shelby Co., Ohio, March 4, 1839. Served nearly four years in the 25th Ill. Int. and fought in some of the greatest battles in Tennessee and Georgia. Mustered out as Sergeant of Co. H. March 5, 1865. He was a

successful farmer. Some years after his wife's death he m. Mrs. Mary S. Hyde Maxwell, whom he survived several years. He d. at Humboldt, Kan., July 14, 1906. 6 children.

80. AMASA, b. March 24, 1842. m. Emma Scoggins, June 16, 1864. He was a successful farmer and spent most of his life in Champaign County. His wife d. Oct. 18, 1900, and some years afterward he m. Mrs. Mary E. Hyde, in March, 1904. He d. Nov. 10, 1904. She lives in Champaign (1925). 9 children.

81. HANNAH PAULINA, b. Feb. 2, 1844, m. Abram Montgomery, June 1870, and lived in Champaign County many years. They moved to Neosho County, Kan., about 1890, and located near Erie. She was drowned while crossing a swollen stream, May 13, 1898, on her return from a visit with the Humboldt relatives. Her husband b. Dec. 16, 1845, d. Dec. 22, 1923. They are buried at Erie. 6 children.

82. HENRY CLAY, b. in Vermilion Co., Ill., March 28, 1847, m. Mary E. Barlow. He d. Oct. 25, 1898.

**Ch. of (369) Amasa, Wife, Unknown**

83. ADOLPHUS "Dolph" was a farmer near Rantoul, Champaign County, for many years. His wife's name was Sophia.

**Ch. of (371) Malvina, Husband,  
John Cummings.**

84. ALBERT, b. 1847. m.
85. GEORGE W., was raised in Vigo Co., Ind., near Terra Haute. m. Was a lawyer. For many years the Hyde family in America believed that it was entitled to a share of the great Hyde estate in England, and in 1875 George was sent to London to investigate the claim in the interest of his family, but nothing came of it. In 1882 George, with Major O. J. Smith, R. W. Nelson and his brother Raymond, associated themselves together and founded the American Press Association. The concern started with very little capital, but by good management it rapidly grew and prospered until it made large fortunes for its stockholders. George d. in 1904.
86. OLIVE ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 10, 1850. m. Dec. 26, 1869. Wm. A. Singhurst, b. Jan. 31, 1846. m. at home of her parents, near Terre Haute, Ind. Celebrated Golden Wedding at McAlester, Okla., Dec. 26, 1919, with their seven children all present: Otis A., Bertha Foltz, Bessie Blevins, John F., Zoe Crockett, Jesse and Cosette



- Coney. They now live in Muskogee, Okla. (1925). She d. at McAlester, Okla., June 5, 1923.
387. MARSHALL, d. spring of 1910.
388. JOHN RAYMOND. b. Sept. 18, 1854. In 1883 m. Sallie Cora, daughter of Col. William H. Stewart, of Terre Haute, Ind. In 1882, he, with his brother, George W., and others, founded the American Press Association at Chicago. The business prospered from the start and grew so fast that, as he expressed it, it had "growing pains." He was superintendent of all factories and went from one to the other looking after their operations. He invented most of the machinery, his inventions saving the company as much as \$30,000.00 a year. He resigned his position in December, 1891. They have one child, a daughter, Mrs. H. A. Sutton, of Philadelphia, and two grandchildren. Raymond's home is in River Forest, a suburb of Chicago (1923).
389. JESSIE BENTON. b. 1872, m. Friedl Miller and lives in Indianapolis, Ind. She has two sons, Paul, the elder, is a flutist and is attending the Damrosch School of Music, N. Y. (1923).

Ch. of (373) Mary S., Husband,  
Robert Maxwell.

390. RILEY, b. 1851. d. 1870.
391. FRANK. b. 1854. m. Annetta Frankenberger. Home Arcola, Ill.
392. KORA. b. 1858, d. 1870.
393. THOMAS EDWARD. b. in Illinois, Dec. 26, 1860. m. 1 Lottie Brook, b. in Rich Hill, Mo., Sept. 17, 1862. d. Jan. 20, 1894. m. 2 Addie Bell Hottensten, b. in Illinois, Oct. 28, 1864. Home near Humboldt, Kan.
394. OLA BELLE. b. in Illinois, April 5, 1866. m. John Land say. d. in Allen Co., Kan., Feb. 7, 1906.

Ch. of (374) Rosanna P., Husband,  
Joseph Maxwell.

395. GEORGE. b. m. d. Nov., 1909. His wife and daughter survived him.
396. CHARLES. m. d.
397. MARTHA. m. Elias Barnhart. He d. Oct., 1917. She d. March 23, 1920.
398. SIBYL. m. Paisley, d. 1900.
399. JULIA OLIVE, m. Pinkston. d. fall of 1899.
400. JEPHTHA

401. JOSIE m. Lyons. She d. about Oct. 31, 1924.  
 402. ROBERT

Ch. of (375) Susan R., Husband,  
 Oakley H. Black.

The children's record with the Black family.

Ch. of (376) Elizabeth N., Husband  
 Chauncey Smith.

403. MARY, b. April 8, 1862. m. Russell Fisher, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.  
 404. HATTIE, b. 1864, m. Johnson, Rockwell City, Iowa.

Ch. of (377) Samuel, Wife,  
 Catherine Montgomery.

405. OSCAR, d.  
 406. ELIZABETH OLIVE, d.  
 407. OREN, b. July 28, 1869. Unmarried. Champaign, Ill.  
 408. GEORGE, b. March 17, 1871, m. Ada Mowrie, June 21, 1903. Clyde, N. D.  
 409. CHARLES, m. Lottie McKee, March 29, 1900. Nine children. Ligonier, Ind.  
 410. HARRY, m. Julia Guinn, Feb. 15, 1905. Crawfordsville, Ind. 7 children.  
 411. ROSA KATE, b. Sept. 28, 1879. Took course in music in the University. Lives in Champaign.  
 412. WILBUR, m. Bertha Rundles, April 13, 1911. d. Oct. 1, 1923. Has a son Wilbur, Cleveland, Ohio. Architect. Graduate Illinois State University, Champaign, 1910.

Ch. of (378) Benjamin F., Wife,  
 Mary Blaisdell.

413. FRANK, m.  
 414 and 415. ORIE and ORVILLE, twins, dead.  
 416. EDITH, dead.

Ch. of (379) Sibyl G., Husband,  
 Nehemiah S. Gerall.

417. SAMUEL, dead  
 418. OLIVE MAY, b. Aug. 15, 1867, in Champaign Co., Ill. Grew up in Champaign and received a good education. Moved with the family to Allen County, Kan. in the early '80's. Taught school for several years. m. April 15, 1896, W. Jeff Myer, a widower with three children. Olive brought up these motherless children with the

same care and affection that she would have given her own. Mr. Myer was also a teacher, but they quit teaching and for more than 20 years have lived on a farm near Miltonvale, Kan. Ollie is a fine letter writer and for 35 years has been the connecting link between the Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma relatives. For nearly 20 years she has suffered with inflammatory rheumatism and has been almost helpless for years. She has borne her affliction with a cheerful, christian spirit. The loving care of her husband and step-children has done much to mitigate her sufferings. W. J. Myer was born Feb. 4, 1862 in Fountain Co., Ind. His three children are Gilbert, Earl and Mearl. The last two are twins. Earl was with the A. E. F. in France and fought in some of the fiercest engagements of the war. He was near Metz, Nov. 11, 1918, Armistice Day.

419. SARAH J., dead

420. JESSIE KATE, b. June 27, 1871. m. Hurley Palmer, Oct. 26, 1892. He was b. Aug. 23, 1868. 7 children.

421. WILBUR FRANKLIN, b. Feb. 7, 1874, m. Maude Palmer, Oct. 26, 1899. She was b. Feb. 19, 1879. He has been a rural mail carrier out of Humboldt, Kan., for 15 years. (1925). 2 children, Roscoe and Helen.

422. MILDRED ELIZABETH, dead.

**Ch. of (380) Amasa, Wife, Emma Scoggins.**

423. MARY OLIVE, m. Sale, Watseka, Ill.

424. MITTIE BELLE, m. Tweedy, Bannister, Mich.

425. WALTER, Rantoul, Ill.

426. NAOMI ELIZABETH, m. Hall.

427. FANNY JOSEPHINE, m. Murphy, Mississippi.

428. LEONARD, Rantoul, Ill.

429. LILLIAN, m. Ray, dead.

430. RAYMOND, In Philipppines.

431. ALICE, dead.

**Ch. of (381) Hannah Paulina, Husband,  
Abram Montgomery.**

432. CALVIN, m.

433. ALICE, dead.

434. GEORGE, m.

435. NELLIE, m. 1st, Loren Baker, May 30, 1895. He was b. July 31, 1872, and is dead, 1906. 3 children.

436. GILPIN, m.

437. JAY, dead.

### Franklin Line of Hyde Family.

438. **JEHIEL** b. in Connecticut about 1750, of English ancestry.

#### Ch. of (438) Jehiel, Wife Unknown

439. **BENJAMIN**, b. in Connecticut about 1780.

#### Ch. of (439) Benjamin, Wife, Unknown

440. **OLIVE**, b. Feb. 15, 1807, in New York. m. Samuel Hyde (356) Jan. 9, 1825, d. July 31, 1875. She lived a noble Christian life and lived to see her children comfortably settled in life.
441. **THOMAS**, killed in a well by a falling bucket in the '30's or '40's.
442. **SOLOMON** (Uncle Sol), b. about 1809 near Sandusky, O. He heard Perry's cannon in the battle of Lake Erie. Sept. 10, 1814. m. in early life Olive Dane who d. about a year later. He d. in 1895.
443. **MARY**, b. 1796, d. 1892. She never m.
444. **ADELIA ANNE**, d. 1872.
445. **MRS. SOLOMON CORBY**, Solomon Franklin and his sisters, Mary and Adelia, are buried in Mt. Pleasant church yard, S. E. of Terre Haute, Ind. These Franklins were of the same family to which the statesman and patriot, Benjamin Franklin, belonged.

### Memories of (45) Lillian

By her cousins (47) Cora, (49) Eva, (53) Muriel and (54) Mab.

These incidents occurred in their childhood days when they herded sheep and cattle on the Buffalo Flats and among the canyons of western Barber County, Kansas, during the years 1887 to 1889 inclusive.

#### The Wise Puppies—By Cora.

Lillian and I did not have to herd sheep or cattle, but we sometimes went out to visit the herders. One hot afternoon we took two of Meg's pups with us and went to Mule Creek to visit with Eva while Ren and Vaughn cared for the sheep. On our way home the pups grew tired and when we began to cross a "sand burr patch," they sat down, each lifted a front paw full of burrs toward us and wailed like small children who want to be carried and are trying to work on their mother's sympathies. We retraced our steps, removed the burrs and spoke encouragingly to them, but they kept their seats like spoiled children, refusing to travel. So we each gathered a fat puppy into our arms and began toiling up

the long, sandy hill. Suddenly a lean rabbit, startled from his lair, flashed past us, there was a great upheaval in our arms, a scratching and squealing and a flourish of furry legs through the sand burrs, and our arms were empty.

Cora DeGeer McElwain,  
National City, Calif.

### **Lillian Visits the Flock—By Eva.**

One winter afternoon I was tending the flock near the head of Spring Hollow. Recent warm days had melted the snow on the grassy flats and packed the huge drifts solidly. The day was overcast, and for warmth I curled up on the icy crust of a deep snow bank and fell asleep. Lillian crossed the flat, and seeing the dark mass made by a thousand sheep absorbed in their meditations and cud-chewing, came to visit me.

A plain's ear is sensitive, even in sleep, and her light step wakened me. Above me was her laughing face with the bright hair peeping from her close fitting hood. The wintry air had brought a rose tint to her cheeks and deepened the blue of her eyes. Her sunny face against the low violet clouds seemed to belong to the light-filled regions from which I had just come. She seemed to be floating in space. Her laugh recalled me and there were her feet, in warm overshoes—a comfortably clad little girl and an angel in one.

A slight incident, surely, but the real and the not real have been a bit closer since that day.

Eva M. DeGeer,  
National City, Calif.

### **The Lucky Stone—By Muriel.**

The strangest experience I ever had (and I suppose you will be like everybody else, will not believe it) was the time that Lillian and I were herding down on Mule Creek at the foot of Castle Hill. The cattle were quiet and we played in the shade there for two or three hours. After a flood a small island had been left right east of where we were playing that had some small trees on it, and we were playing on the west bank of the creek. We had gathered some stones on our way over in the morning and each of us tried to find a pretty fair one to give to the other. The best I found was a queer, blue kind of a pebble and I gave that to her, and she found an odd looking, wedge shaped one, dark red and yellow, which she gave to me.

Just before time to go home we left our playthings

and went across to this island for something, Lillian ahead and I right behind her. Just as I stepped on to the solid ground I saw a stone exactly like the one she had given me, and exclaimed over it and told her I thought they were exactly alike. She thought so too, and we ran back to compare them, and the other one was gone. I accused her of taking it with her and dropping it there to fool me, and she declared that she hadn't, that she knew no more than I did how it got there, and accused me of doing it.

We had so much fun over it that we called it the "lucky stone" and going home I lost it, and in a few weeks found the identical, same stone (I swear to it) in a place where I was sure I never could have dropped it.

Well it went on that way as long as we lived there, I would lose track of it for a long time and then run on to it in the most unlikely place. I had forgotten about it until after we had been in Medicine Lodge for a year or so, when I found it in a box where I kept my handkerchiefs, and where it had not been before, and I could never get anyone to confess putting it there. I lost track of it again (I made no effort to keep it) and came across it again after we had been in Oklahoma a long time. And when Ma was packing up to leave Alva I found it among some other things that she was throwing away, I seized on to it and put it in my pocket book, and the first time I opened a bureau drawer after I got home there it was grinning up at me, and the same thing happened to me after I came to Colorado, and I can have no idea how the crazy thing gets moved about. Since finding it the last time I put it in a box where I keep some favorite old stones and arrow heads, where it still remains, unless it has taken legs and walked off since yesterday. Almost the last time I saw Lillian, after she was so ill and just before she started to New Mexico, we got to talking about it and she declared earnestly that she had no hand in moving that stone the first time.

You can take it for what it is worth, but I still call it "my lucky stone." I have been accused many times of being more Irish than any of the family, and that looks as if I believed in the "Little People" doesn't it?

Muriel DeGeer Hill,

Colorado Springs, Colo.

### Worrying the Long Horn Cow—By Mab.

I have been trying to think of Barber County days, happy days spent out herding—Lillian, Dahl and I. Many

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days the cattle went over to Inman Creek, and we would pick up Lillian on the way. One time there were some long-horned old cows on Inman. One had a very young calf, and was as fierce as could be. We would run at her. (We were afoot), and when she dashed madly at us, we ran up the roof of a dugout that had shingle roof that came down within a foot of the ground on one side. We would shin up this roof, sit down astride the comb and yell at the old cow. She would charge up and down so mad that she could have eaten us—but quite helpless. After she went back to her calf we would charge her again and do it all over. She became so furious toward evening that we got scared and wondered how we were going to get home, but as our cattle moved on she moved farther away and we sneaked off in none too heroic a fashion.

I am sure if Aunt Ella had known the kind of wild life we led, that she would not have trusted Lillian with us. But Lillian was a good sport and always ready to do her share, and we all enjoyed it together. The movies seem tame to me even now.

Mabel DeGeer Welles,  
Trenton, N. J.

### **Lillian's Description of Her Last Earthly Home.**

From our windows we can see a great mountain (El Canitan) glistening with snow. It looks cold, but they told us that last night was the coldest night they had had, and we slept with the windows open all night. This is certainly a beautiful place, the streets are like a floor and trees everywhere. They have the finest apples here that I ever saw. The chambermaid just brought in six big winesaps that don't have a speck in them. The cores are just as nice. She said they get lots of them that weigh over a pound, six dozen will more than fill a cracker box.

The business houses are all fine stone buildings and carry fine stocks of goods, as a rule. I have not heard what the population is but it is very much larger than Alva. The population is made up of white, black, Mexican and Chinamen, about equally divided. I saw an old black Mexican out driving with his old woman, as fine as anybody. I would rather have the Indians than them. They are repulsive as they can be and you can't understand them a bit better.

There are lots of Chinamen here. This town will have to be seen to be fully appreciated. I don't believe

I ever saw such trees anywhere as I see here. The largest weeping willows with the branches drooping to the ground, and the fruit trees are wonderful, I think it must be the loveliest place you can imagine, in the spring and summer. In our back yard there is a hydrant running all the time, two grape arbors, a blackberry thicket, four bee hives and hundreds of pigeons. Now don't you think that's a pretty place? One night we heard a mocking bird, but he only sang a few notes. I wish you could see the mountains from here. The snow shining through the blue in the morning (they are west of us) is a most beautiful sight. But talk about dogs, they've got them here, big and little. I have seen six or seven of the cutest little dogs I ever saw. One lives next door named Dewey, and one mastiff nearly as big as a burrow, of which by the way, there are lots here.

I tell you the people here dress much finer than they do in Alva. I believe I might say that, with the exceptions of the Mexicans, I have seen not more than two dozen people but what dressed better than Alva does on Sundays and I have seen hundreds. So many told us we would not like the water, but I don't mind it at all; it is hard, but does not taste bad. We have a big wisteria vine at our south window and the leaves are all on it. I will write more before long.

Lillian.

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 9, 1899.

### Old Johnny Applesseed

John Chapman, known to the early settlers of Ohio, Indiana and Western Pennsylvania as Johnny Applesseed was a quaint character who for nearly 40 years raised nurseries of apple trees from which thousands of orchards were planted all over Ohio and northwestern Indiana.

He was born near Springfield, Mass., in 1775 and in 1801 he went to Ohio. In 1806 he brought two canoe loads of apple seeds, which he obtained from cider presses in western Pennsylvania, down the Ohio River, and with these seeds he started nurseries along the Scioto. Muskingum and other rivers and their tributaries. This business he followed until his death near Ft. Wayne, Ind., in 1845. He dressed in the simplest fashion, mostly second hand clothing which he took in exchange for nursery stock. He went from one nursery to another by boat, horseback or on foot, mostly on foot, and generally barefoot. He was one of the gentlest of



men and would not intentionally injure one of God's creatures. John Renfrew (13) once saw Old Johnny Appleseed when he came to the Renfrew cider press in Richland County, O. for apple seeds. This was about 1833 when John Renfrew was nine years old.

Johnny Appleseed should have an enduring monument raised to his memory on some location in the field of his labors. The life of such a friend of humanity should not be permitted to pass into oblivion.

### **McKendree's Home-Coming on Its Ninety-Sixth Anniversary.**

(Condensed from a small volume "McKendree's Home-Coming," courtesy of Joseph M. Stafford, (241), Eaton, Ind.

Among the first pioneers who came from Virginia and settled in Pike Township, Clarke County, and Elizabeth Township, Miami County, Ohio, in the same neighborhood, were the Blacks, Mitchells, Staffords, and others mentioned in this book. They came, chiefly, from Montgomery and Giles counties, Va. and nearly all were members of the M. E. church.

Some of the older ones had heard Bishop McKendree preach and some had been converted under the preaching of the famous itinerant, Lorenzo Dow. Almost before they had built their log cabins, for shelter, these godly men and women organized a Methodist Society in 1812, which they named the McKendree Church or Chapel. This society was organized in the log cabin home of Samuel Mitchell (353), and for 20 years the services were held in this house, when in 1832 a commodious frame church was erected near by. Several years later Samuel Mitchell deeded the society the land for the church site and cemetery. In 1853 a new brick church was built on the site of the frame building and is still in good repair and used as a house of worship.

In 1908, 96 years after the founding of McKendree, a call was made for a home-coming in honor of the old church, and an extensive program was held in the old brick house of worship. Three children of the original founders of the church were still living at an advanced age, viz: Rev. John G. Black (222), Malinda Deaton and Catherine Stafford, and their aid was invaluable in compiling the history of the early days of the church and its founders. One of the excellent papers on the program, "The Pioneers of McKendree Chapel," was read by Rev. John G. Black. One of the speakers at the home-coming

said of the pioneers, "Busy as they were looking after their material interests, they at once took up the things that were spiritual. These sturdy pioneers with a lofty courage built homes for their temporal welfare, and contemporaneous therewith, a home beyond the skies, enduring and eternal."

The McKendree home-coming was a great success. They whose early religious training began within McKendree's walls returned from their homes all over the land to again visit the sacred shrine.

The members of this McKendree church have gone forth into the world's work as preachers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, newspaper men, soldiers, etc. Two soldiers of the Revolution, Samuel Mitchell (353) and John Byrns, sleep in the cemetery there. All other wars in which the nation has been engaged have been represented by the sons of McKendree—the War of 1812, Mexican, Civil, Spanish-American and World Wars. The people of General Fred Funston, the hero of the Philippine War, were members of the McKendree church. His great grandfather, James S. Stafford, was a soldier of 1812.

**D. A. R. Record of Mrs. Julia Ellen Black  
Renfrew. 177,868.**

Born in Champaign, Ill., April 14, 1856, d. in Alva, Okla., Dec. 18, 1924. Wife of James Philander Renfrew. Descendant of Samuel Mitchell. Daughter of Dr. Oakley Hemphill Black, 1828-1894, and Susan Reeves Hyde, 1833-1870, his first wife. Granddaughter of Samuel Black, 1794-1875, and Malinda Mitchell, 1794-1845, his wife. Gr-Granddaughter of Samuel Mitchell, 1759-1840 and Malinda Cecil, 1761-1851, his wife.

Samuel Mitchell Natl. No. 55,279, was born in King George County, Va. He enlisted from Montgomery Co., Va. at various times as follows:

Enlisted.	Rank	Captain
March 1775—9 months	Private	Wm. Washington
July 1778—8 months	Private	John Gordon
July 1780—1 month	Private	Henry Patton
Summer 1781—1 month	Private	Alex Myers

He married Malinda Cecil July 7, 1780, moved to Miami County, Ohio, 1812.

He applied for a pension Sept. 25, 1832, which was allowed.

He died in Miami County, Ohio, April 25, 1840.

This D. A. R. record of (247) Julia Ellen Black is

published here so that any descendant of Samuel Mitchell may use it as a form to trace their eligibility to become members of the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

### **Probable Origin of the Name Renfrew.**

My friend, Jesse J. Dunn, ex-chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, now a prominent lawyer of Oakland, California, sends the following clipping as a solution of the origin:

### **How the Name Originated.**

From the Cleveland Leader.

A Northern tourist who was riding in a leisurely way through Western Georgia stopped one hot day to rest at a cottage occupied by an old colored man and wife.

"Uncle," he said, fanning himself with his hat, how much further is it to Colonel Jeffrey's big plantation?"

"'Bout five mile, suh," answered the darky.

"Good road?"

"Mos'ly up hill an' down, suh."

"Have you ever been at the Colonel's place?"

"I wuz bawn dah, suh."

"They call it the Renfrew, don't they?"

"Yes suh."

"How did it ever get the name of Renfrew?"

"I allers 'lowed boss, it wuz 'cause de man wot owned it befo' de wah run froo wid it in 'bout four yeahs."

### **A Lost Town of Old Missouri.**

I grew up and lived for 27 years within three miles of the old Mormon town of Far West, which had been located in Mirabile Township, Caldwell County, Missouri, in 1836 and for three years was the chief center of that peculiar sect that has since made the Great Salt Lake valley one of the garden spots of the world.

The Prophet Joseph Smith had led his people from Kirtland, Ohio, to Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, but in a few years their Gentile neighbors drove them across the Missouri River into Clay County and later into Caldwell County. Far West rapidly became a town of 1500 inhabitants with hotels, stores and shops and was for seven years the county seat of Caldwell County.

Many prominent leaders of the church lived in Far West,—Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Sidney Rigdon,

John D. Lee, afterwards the brutal leader at the Mountain Meadows massacre, and many others. In 1839 some 3,000 Missouri troops, under General Lucas, drove the Mormons out of Far West and they left the state locating in Nauvoo, Illinois. There were many evidences of the Mormon occupation still to be seen in the vicinity of Far West in 1860-70. John Whitmer, one of the eight witnesses to the original plates from which the Book of Mormon was said to have been translated, then lived just east of the old townsite and I knew him well. He was a good neighbor and a highly esteemed citizen. I have often seen the house where Joseph Smith had lived and the basement of the temple, 80x120 feet and 6 or 8 feet deep, and one or two of the huge limestone corner stones, but the temple was never built. An old store building and several smaller buildings were still standing.

A saw mill had stood on the south bank of Shoal Creek and many huge saw logs still lay in the old mill yard in 1862. The old townsite was covered with old wells walled with limestone rock and with rock piles showing where old chimneys had stood. These remains of chimneys could still be seen on nearly every quarter section for miles around Far West and groves of locust trees showing where homes had been a quarter of a century before. Many of the Mormons remained with their farms and raised their families in Missouri. These followers of Joseph Smith did not believe in polygamy and never practiced it and were among the most respected and law-abiding citizens. This article might be made much longer but "that is another story" as Rudyard Kipling would say.